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Running The Highland Yard

Improvements to Rails End Gallery Get Approval

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

A collective sigh of relief can be heard coming from the Rails End Gallery this week. On Tuesday morning Dysart Council gave the official nod to the replacement of the gallery's wheelchair ramp and to make improvements to the exterior, primarily through landscaping. This will go a long way towards relieving the anxiety of the Gallery's Board of Directors who have been watching the summer fly by without any action and with the prospect of the project funding being lost.

Plans have been in the works for months to improve the historic site both inside and out, but for now only the first phase which incorporates an outdoor patio, landscaping and a new wheelchair access will proceed.

The Gallery was last renovated in 2004/05 when the building was raised and given a new foundation and a new wheelchair ramp at the west end of the building. Unfortunately, it didn't take long to discover that the 60-foot long wheelchair ramp was a challenge for people with mobility issues. As well, its location takes up precious space.

At a presentation to Council in May, Executive Director Laurie Jones presented a two-

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more
pictures
of this ex-
citing race
on pg.6



Sudbury Gets the Games

Strong Community Effort Falls Just Short

Sport Alliance of Ontario announced this week that Haliburton County had not been successful in its bid to host the 2010 Ontario Summer Games, and has instead awarded the event to Sudbury. Blair McIntosh, Games Director, noted that "the Sport Alliance of Ontario Site Review Committee was thoroughly impressed by the dedication and commitment your community put forth in coming together to present your bid."

Bob Nichol, co-chair with Dennis Casey of the volunteer bid committee, told the Voice that despite his deep disappointment with the decision he's encouraged by Sport's Alliance willingness to hold a debriefing with the Bid Committee. "It is clear that Sport Alliance was very impressed with our bid, particularly with the depth of our community's involvement. When we have our debriefing in September, which will also include a full Site Review, we'll be able to see where our weaknesses might have been, and where our strengths are. It seems certain that they will encourage us to make another bid."

In a press release, Haliburton County officials extended a "heartfelt thanks to all involved in the ... Bid process, and are particularly grateful to those that showed Haliburton's enthusiasm and level of commitment on the Site Review Day by attending the 'Meet and Greet' Breakfast, by hosting the Bid Review Team at numerous venues around the County, and to all those that displayed signs welcoming the Team to Haliburton."

Bob Nichol and Dennis Casey also wanted to thank all those who helped them put the bid together, and they both feel that it was a very positive achievement for the County, despite the end result. ■

Minden Hills and the County Pie

*"We've seen very little value for
our money from the County and
we should deliver that message."*

(Councillor Bill Obee)

Last Thursday, July 31st the Minden Hills Council twice raised the issue of whether or not they are receiving their fair share of County tax dollars. According to Reeve Jim McMahon even though Minden Hills is the largest financial contributor of the four municipalities, they're not receiving value for their tax dollars. The rest of council agreed.

The first time the concern was raised was during a presentation by Warden Eleanor Harrison. Harrison, in efforts to ensure healthy working relationships and good communications between the County and the four municipalities, said she had decided to meet with all of the municipalities in the County at least once during her term as Warden.

Harrison offered congratulations to the council on their vision for the future given a number of initiatives including the cultural centre, new library and the R. D.

*"We want to
ensure that
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a fair share
of funding
as we're
the largest
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the County."*

(Reeve Jim McMahon)

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Does Your Road Need Repair?

Tell the County Voice and Enter the Worst Roads of the Highlands Contest!

The federal and provincial government recently signed a 6.2 billion dollar infrastructure agreement. As explained in last week's Voice, this money will be used to improve roads, bridges, transit systems, Internet access, and other infrastructure needs across the province. A large portion of this money will be allocated to municipal governments, and they will have to decide exactly how to spend it.

The municipal governments of Haliburton will no doubt get a chunk of the funding. The question is, what will they do with it? There are lots of roads within the county that are in need of repair. It's always difficult for the local governments to decide what roads to spend the money on. This is your opportunity to help out the municipalities, and have your say.

We want you to tell the County Voice what roads are the worst in Haliburton County. Is the road you live on full of cracks, potholes, washboards, or bumps? Does your road cause your car to rattle and shake each time your drive down it? Do your struts, springs, and shocks wear

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In early September the County Voice will declare the top five 'Worst Roads of the Highlands.' A report will be published in the paper, which will include pictures of the perilous roads along with explanations of their pitfalls.

Don't miss this opportunity to help out your municipality, and let everybody know about the Worst Roads of the Highlands!



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FRIDAY

Partly sunny with afternoon thunderstorms

▲ 24° ▼ 13°

SATURDAY

Partly sunny and mild

▲ 24° ▼ 13°

SUNDAY

Partly cloudy with afternoon thunderstorms

▲ 24° ▼ 13°

MONDAY

Morning thunderstorms, then partly cloudy

▲ 23° ▼ 14°

TUESDAY

Sunny to partly cloudy and warmer

▲ 26° ▼ 14°

WEDNESDAY

Partly sunny with afternoon thunderstorms

▲ 26° ▼ 14°

AROUND THE REGION: It will be partly cloudy on Thursday with a chance of a few afternoon thunderstorms. Highs will be in the middle 20s. Another round of afternoon thunderstorms will be experienced on Friday as highs will continue to be in the middle 20s. Saturday will be dry while scattered thunderstorms will be experienced on Sunday. Highs will be in the mid-20s.

Your Unofficial Lotto Numbers



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City	Today Hi/Low/Otk	Friday Hi/Low/Otk	Saturday Hi/Low/Otk	Sunday Hi/Low/Otk	Monday Hi/Low/Otk	Tuesday Hi/Low/Otk	Wednesday Hi/Low/Otk
Bancroft	26/14/ts	24/13/ts	24/13/pc	24/13/ts	23/14/ts	26/14/pc	26/14/ts
Barrie	26/14/ts	24/13/ts	24/13/pc	25/14/ts	24/14/ts	27/15/pc	26/14/ts
Dorset	25/14/ts	24/13/ts	23/13/pc	24/13/ts	23/14/ts	26/14/pc	26/14/ts
Haliburton	26/14/ts	24/13/ts	24/13/pc	24/13/ts	23/14/ts	26/14/pc	26/14/ts
Huntsville	25/14/ts	24/13/ts	23/13/pc	24/13/ts	23/14/ts	26/14/pc	26/14/ts
Kingston	26/16/ts	25/14/ts	24/14/pc	25/14/ts	24/15/ts	27/16/pc	27/15/ts
Lindsay	26/14/ts	24/13/ts	24/13/pc	25/14/ts	24/14/ts	27/15/pc	26/15/ts
Minden	26/14/ts	24/13/ts	24/13/pc	24/13/ts	23/14/ts	26/14/pc	26/14/ts
Oshawa	26/16/ts	25/14/ts	24/14/pc	25/14/ts	24/16/ts	27/16/pc	27/16/ts
Ottawa	24/14/sh	24/14/ts	22/14/sh	23/15/sh	24/16/ts	27/17/pc	26/13/sh
Toronto	26/18/ts	26/16/ts	24/14/pc	25/16/ts	24/16/ts	28/16/pc	27/16/ts

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Low/Otk	Friday Hi/Low/Otk	Saturday Hi/Low/Otk	Sunday Hi/Low/Otk	Monday Hi/Low/Otk	Tuesday Hi/Low/Otk	Wednesday Hi/Low/Otk
Calgary	30/14/pc	31/15/su	27/13/pc	23/12/ra	21/8/dz	29/13/ts	32/16/ts
Edmonton	31/13/su	31/15/su	28/11/pc	22/11/ra	17/9/ra	27/13/ts	26/13/pc
Fredericton	21/11/sh	23/13/ts	23/15/sh	23/15/sh	24/14/ts	27/13/sh	24/13/sh
Halifax	21/12/sh	24/13/ts	22/18/sh	21/17/ts	21/16/ts	21/16/sh	20/14/pc
Montreal	24/14/sh	25/15/ts	22/16/sh	23/17/ts	24/17/ts	28/17/ts	27/14/sh
Regina	30/14/pc	33/16/pc	31/14/cl	29/16/ra	25/14/su	31/17/pc	32/18/pc
St. John's	19/11/sh	19/13/cl	18/15/sh	16/16/sh	16/15/ra	17/13/sh	17/13/sh
Saskatoon	28/12/su	31/13/pc	34/20/dz	31/18/ra	23/13/dz	28/15/cl	28/14/pc
Vancouver	28/14/sh	21/12/pc	21/14/sh	21/14/sh	22/13/su	23/14/su	22/15/su
Whitehorse	17/7/cl	18/8/cl	14/8/cl	15/7/dz	16/2/pc	12/0/pc	12/1/su
Winnipeg	28/13/pc	29/17/pc	27/14/cl	27/15/pc	25/13/sh	27/15/ts	30/16/pc

AREA ALMANAC

Last seven days	High	Low	Prec.
Monday 8/4	26°C	13°C	0.0 mm
Sunday 8/3	22°C	14°C	0.3 mm
Saturday 8/2	22°C	14°C	0.3 mm
Friday 8/1	25°C	16°C	0.0 mm
Thursday 7/31	23°C	12°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 7/30	23°C	12°C	0.0 mm
Tuesday 7/29	23°C	12°C	0.0 mm

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SUN & MOON

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set
Thu. 8/4	6:07 a.m./8:32 p.m.	1:17 p.m./11:00 p.m.
Fri. 8/5	6:08 a.m./8:31 p.m.	2:24 p.m./11:26 p.m.
Sat. 8/6	6:09 a.m./8:29 p.m.	3:29 p.m./11:59 p.m.
Sun. 8/7	6:10 a.m./8:28 p.m.	4:31 p.m./none
Mon. 8/8	6:11 a.m./8:26 p.m.	5:26 p.m./12:40 a.m.
Tues. 8/9	6:13 a.m./8:25 p.m.	6:14 p.m./1:29 a.m.
Wed. 8/10	6:14 a.m./8:23 p.m.	6:53 p.m./2:28 a.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Aug. 8	Aug. 16	Aug. 23	Aug. 30

Young Man Lucky to be Alive After High-Speed Motorcycle Crash

Tyson Farrell
Staff Reporter

Traffic slowed to a crawl west of West Guilford on Friday evening when police, ambulance, and fire personnel responded to a motorcycle accident. At approximately 4:45pm, 27-year-old Glenn McGuire of Elliot Lake was travelling eastbound on Highway 118 when he lost control of his Suzuki GSX-R motorcycle, hit the gravel shoulder, crossed the eastern ditch, and crashed into a high embankment.



Skid marks showed that the motorcycle hit the embankment several times before coming to a halt at the bottom of the ditch, about 10 metres from the original point of impact. Debris from the bike was scattered throughout the ditch.

Witnesses claim that McGuire quickly disentangled himself from the wreckage and began walking around, apparently unharmed.

Derek Rolfe lives at 1200 Highway 118, a few metres away from the crash site. "He overshot the corner," Rolfe said. "I listened to it all happen." Upon hearing the collision, Rolfe told his wife to call an ambulance, and he rushed towards the crash site. "The guy [McGuire] was shaken. He was picking up the pieces of his bike. Then he sat on the bank and had some water. Then he was talking on his cell phone. It didn't look like he had a scratch on him. He's

really lucky. It's another bloody 'crotch rocket' accident. Those bikes are all the same."

When paramedics arrived McGuire was taken into an ambulance. His girlfriend arrived on the scene shortly thereafter, distraught and crying. McGuire was transported to the Haliburton Hospital.

Although McGuire was fortunate enough to escape serious injury, his bike was not so lucky. Almost the entire body had been shorn from the bike. "It's a shame," OPP Constable Isaac Austin said. "It's a nice bike."

Austin was also upset that McGuire had moved the debris from around the ditch, saying, "I hate it when people collect the evidence."

When the police finished examining the motorcycle, friends of McGuire rolled the bike into the back of their pick up truck, and then piled the debris atop it. "He grew up in the Halls Lake area," one of his friends said. "He's lucky he didn't get hurt."

OPP Constable Mark McMaster informed the County Voice that McGuire is not being charged. ■



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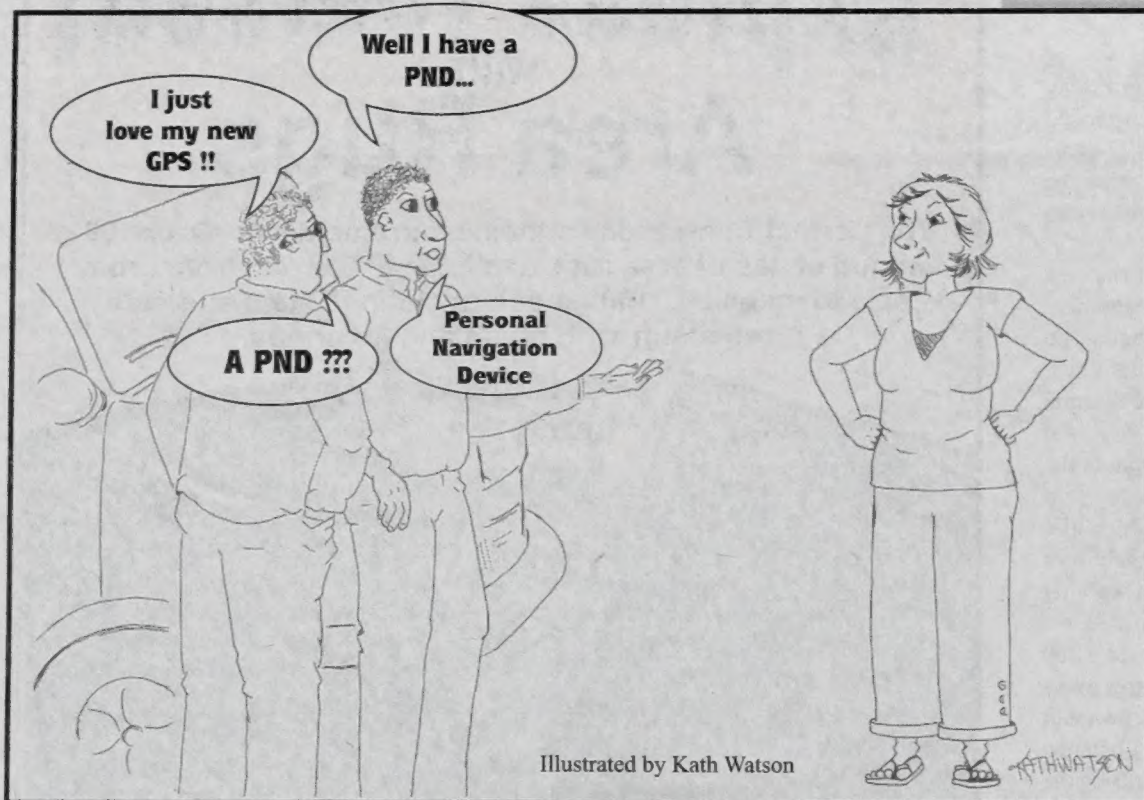
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Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

"We called Charlie's Father the 'Dam Man'.

I am a summer resident but I have a friend who saves me copies of your paper all year round.

I have just read issue "Thursday March 13, 2008" The story about the "Dam Man's Kid", Charlie Tyler. We called Charlie's Father the "Dam Man". His job was to control the lake levels by adding or removing Logs from the Dams along the Drag River.

The Tylers were of the first settlers of Haliburton. Their farm is still there. I remember as a kid in the late 1930's ---going to the "Dam Man's" house to purchase sweets. Charlie's Mum and Wife were great bakers.

I met my Haliburton Kissing Kousin Karren in Charlie's Berry Patch.

Why am I wasting your time to read this? I believe many local people would like to know more about Charlie and his family. Just a thought for a future issue.

Kind regards

John W. Southcombe

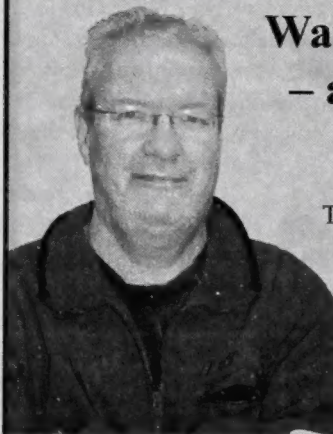
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(Still live in the cabin Pop and I built in 1938.)■

EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

BY Stephen Patrick

Water Water Everywhere – and Lots of Drinks to Drop



This past week in the Haliburton Highlands we actually had one day, Monday, August 4th, with no rain. This remarkable event sent thousands rushing into the streets, jumping into the lakes, and rolling around in the woods moaning hysterically, speaking in tongues, and shouting addled hymns of praise to the Sun God, cruelly absent in these parts since sometime in

April. The temperature hasn't come close to 30 C all summer, the bush is saturated, the ponds are overflowing, the lawns are mouldy, and the water temperature in the lakes has already started to decline.

From years of anecdotal observations in the beautiful, silky waters of Koshlong Lake, we know that when the water temperature starts to drop off, typically in the second week of August, it doesn't come back up until the next spring. This year the lake temperatures haven't come close to their normal highs, and the annual decline seems to be a week early. On Tuesday morning you could feel a cut in the air that did not sing summer: the blue

jays, however, are coming out of the bush early and announcing fall in raucous tones.

And all this on the heels of a long, cold, and snowy winter. If you're a climate change sceptic, you're in seventh heaven. If you're a Conservative just recently converted to the view that climate change is happening, but no one knows why, this is the perfect storm. Even though these days of intermittent, sweeping windy rains interspersed with a few hours of sun seem more suited to a Caribbean autumn, it still must warm the hearts of those who believe passionately that climate change is simply an environmentalist's power grab.

Memories of this very odd year will eventually fade, and will likely be of little importance in the overall debate on greenhouse gases and their contribution to global warming. But it could well have one serious short-term consequence, which has to do with political credibility. We're bound to have a federal election in the next 15 months, perhaps as early as this fall, which will likely be fought primarily on the issues of carbon taxes, the environment, and climate change. The Liberal Opposition Leader, Stephane Dion, is firmly committed to the idea of a carbon tax, which he'll try to sell as being at minimum revenue-neutral. Prime Minister Stephen Harper has already savaged the idea, using the appealing rhetoric of "when has a new tax ever been revenue neutral?" (Wasn't Conservative PM Brian Mulroney's GST supposed to be simply a replacement for the Manufacturer's Sales Tax?)

In this province Harper has a lot of history on his side. Remember the Health Tax, \$900 a year per family and counting, levied as a temporary measure by the provincial Liberals shortly after they gained office six years ago? They even promised legislation to review it. Legislation fudged, tax continued, likely forever. The argument is that the tax is essential in order to pay for our health system, which is probably true. But those optics are damning, and the electorate is cynical.

In the battle of the carbon tax, the credibility of Dion and Harper will be firmly on the line. Who do you believe? Who do you trust to save the environment and get your overall tax burden down? Can you really believe that paying more at the pump will translate into more in your pocket at tax time? And is environmental Armageddon really just around the corner? Summers like these make it hard for some to believe that any drastic change is upon us. It can even make some, Heaven forbid, question the conventional wisdom of their political leaders. Just whom these cold winds of summer might help if an election is held this fall is an open question: it could even determine our choice of Prime Minister.■

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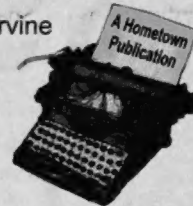
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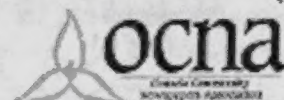
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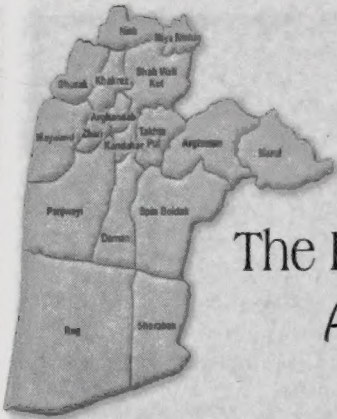
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Back To Afghanistan Soon

The Road to Kandahar
A Soldier's Journal

by Captain David Beatty

Captain Beatty en Route Back to Kandahar

Captain David Beatty thought he'd be back on duty in Afghanistan this week, and continuing to contribute his weekly column to the Voice. Trouble is, he didn't reckon on Lufthansa's 52,000 employees going on strike over the weekend. Despite the airport chaos, he should be back in Kandahar soon, as will his column in the Voice.■

More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

"Trap and kill has never been successful ... No two cats could possibly produce the numbers that have been referred to by Mr. Sedore."

My name is Mary Shepherd. I am writing in response to the letter written by Mr. Sedore.

Feral cats live in every community world wide. They have been successfully managed world wide by the use of a program referred to as Trap/Neuter/Return. When this humane method is utilized, all the cats are spayed/neuter, vaccinated for rabies, adopted out if possible and managed within a small parameter where they are fed and monitored by community members.

Trap and kill has never been successful. Two unfixed cats will breed if left unfixed. No two cats could possibly produce the numbers that have been referred to by Mr. Sedore. When two universities in the United States attempted two opposite approaches, the one that employed Trap/Neuter/Return had six cats a year later that were all spayed/neutered and vaccinated, fed and monitored. The 'trap and kill group had ten new adults and twenty kittens. Over time the colonies, by simple attrition, reduce in numbers.

You will never capture all the cats in a trap and kill campaign. The ones you miss will breed and the problem will be there the following year. Plus, the negative publicity is unrelenting. A vacation paradise does not need well respected organizations zeroing in on their area. Many people are working to save cats at this time and they are a vocal, well-educated and very well-connected group.

Mr. Friesman has offered to assist Mr. Sedore with proven ways to keep the cats away from his property. His offer was refused. A local veterinarian has tried to get Council on board to try this well-documented and successful approach. She has not been successful. As a member of Animal Outreach, The Feral Cat Coalition, Citizens for Companion Animals, Co-chair of London's Animal Welfare Task Force, a member of the Animal Advisory Committee, and the Conservancy of South West Florida, I can assure your readers that my facts are facts and not based on rumour and myths.

One needs to ask the question. If this method is humane and successful, costs about half that of a trap and kill approach, protects the community against the concern of rabies, why would anyone who is knowledgeable and thoughtful argue against this program? Members of the community who have taken time to learn the facts as opposed to spreading old myths, know that TNR works!

The root cause of the feral cats is a discussion for a different time....first the community must behave in a thoughtful and humane manner and has been offered the opportunity to receive support and financial assistance for a pilot TRN program. This is the time for a proactive and well-planned approach to the feral cats that live in your community. They are behaving as unfixed cats do. Spay and neuter them, vaccinate them and allow compassionate citizens to care for them. The end result will be the right thing for the community and the cats. Everyone will win.

In this day and age, mindlessly killing animals as a solution to such a situation is appalling to the majority of knowledgeable and caring people in any community. Yours is no different.

Mary Shepherd■

Rails End Gallery

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part vision for improving the gallery, one for the exterior and one for the interior. According to Jones the Board of Directors wanted to establish a higher profile on York Street and make the building more accessible for visitors with disabilities.

The decision about how to proceed has been a difficult one for Council as the future vision of the gallery has been so closely tied to that of the caboose. When the caboose was torched by

arsonists late in May, making decisions about the gallery became that much tougher.

In addition to that, the Rails End Gallery was designated as a heritage building in 1979. Renovations must be planned very carefully and done in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act. This created a very real stumbling block for Council last month when they tried to come to terms with the placement of the Caboose and proposed interior renovations to the gallery.

At the time Reeve Murray Fearrey spoke quite strongly against changing the integrity of the inside of the building. That sentiment was mirrored by several other Councillors and seems to have been a deciding factor in the decision made this week which deals only with the exterior of the building.

Council met early on Tuesday morning in front of the gallery to view drawings for the exterior alterations. Councillor Janis Parker, who has been closely involved with plans to improve the gallery, displayed detailed drawings and walked Council (and the Voice) through plans for natural stepping stones and interlocking bricks that will form a pathway and wheelchair access in front of the building. She described the trellis that will be constructed as an entry point and placement of lilacs and indigenous planting for the front of the building.

Parker also spoke of plans for the patio and sitting area that will now take the place of the existing wheel chair ramp at the west end of the building. She described the stonework and additional planting that will be completed at the rear of the building and tie in with the park and ultimately the new library.

No decision has been made on changes to the interior of the building which will form the second phase of the project. Given the building's historic status, finalizing those plans will take more time and consideration.

As to the caboose, no decision has been made yet about its future location.■

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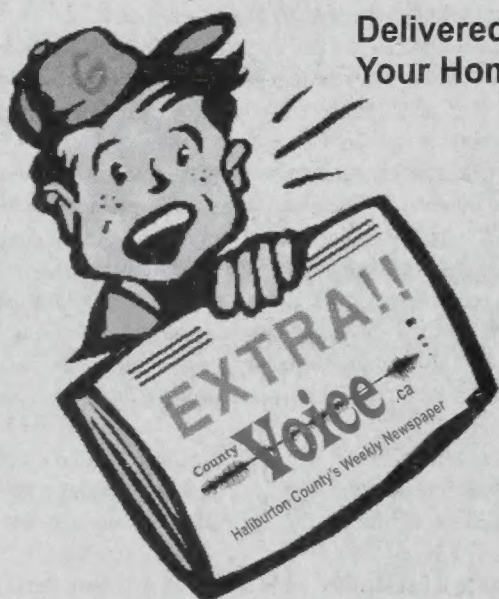
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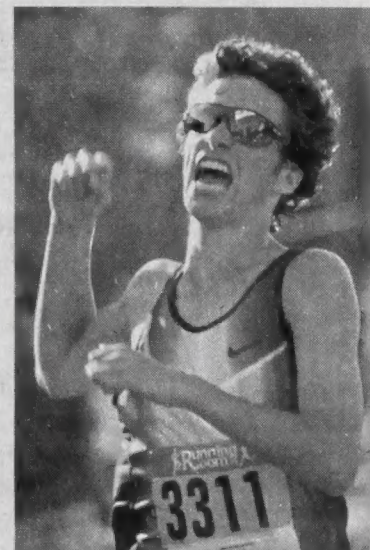
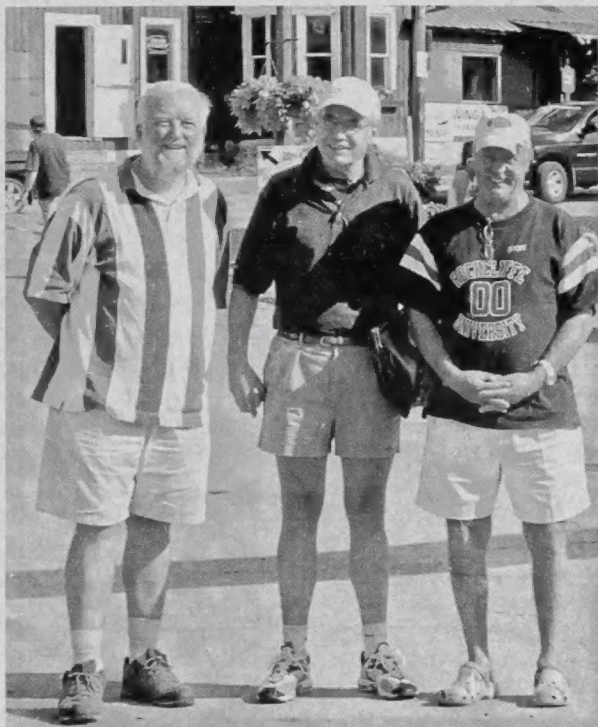
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The Highland Yard

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Highland Yard (formerly the Heineken Yard) race founder Ian Sainsbury (C) reunites with Jack Brezina (L), previous owner of the Minden Times, and Dave Willis (R), owner of the Rockcliffe (all pictured below). Both the newspaper and the hotel had instrumental roles in promoting the race for 20 years beginning in the mid seventies. Mr Sainsbury directed the Yard from 1972 until 1995 when it was taken over by AMICI. The race was originally an Onondaga Camp race until the race went public in 1976.



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Lawrence Centre as well as the museums.

Harrison said, "We'll be celebrating the 10-year anniversary of amalgamation during this term of Council and I feel it is an excellent time for County Council to take a serious look at what is working and what is not. If there are better ways to serve our taxpayers, we should be looking at it."

Harrison spoke about the fiscal imbalance imposed on the County by the Provincial government's downloading. She referred to the County as a 'no man's land' at the whim of either the province or the federal government. Harrison said the County has many similar issues that are being faced in other northern Ontario jurisdictions and they will continue to try to access the same programs and services offered to northern communities.

According to Harrison the County recently completed a 'visioning exercise' and are undergoing an organizational review which she hopes will help to establish a vision for the future and assist in making the best use of their resources. Harrison advised Council that the results of the visioning exercise will be shared at a public meeting in the fall.

She spoke of a number of accomplishments since amalgamation including the completion of the 911 system, improvements to the EMS Department and the establishment and success of the Waste Management Task Force. She detailed infrastructure funding received during the year and the latest announcement that the Federal and Provincial governments have signed a \$6.2 billion dollar infrastructure framework agreement.

Harrison said that in 2007 County roads capital spending in Minden Hills totaled \$434,000 dollars which included the reconstruction and resurfacing of eight kilometres of Deep Bay Road and surface sealing on the Ingoldsby Road and South Kashagawigamog Lake Road. In 2009 capital spending in Minden Hills will total \$104,000 dollars which will include surface sealing on Deep Bay Road and Horseshoe Lake Road.

Councillor Peter Oyler suggested that the County consider establishing a policy for bulk purchasing for provision of services at both the County and Municipal levels. He said, "It would be worthwhile for the municipal CAO's to examine cost sharing possibilities for the future." Harrison responded that the Roads Superintendents and Operations Managers are already doing some shared tendering. The County's CAO Jim Wilson said they would certainly look into this further but added that they must make sure that everyone buys into that type of agreement.

Reeve McMahon said, "It's interesting to see the number of dollars spent on roads in the area, but how does that compare with the other municipalities? We want to ensure that we're getting a fair share of funding as we're the largest contributor in the County."

Wilson said that the County is doing a needs study and setting their priorities. He said, "We're trying to do more of the work through established criteria." Wilson agreed to provide the Minden Hills Council with a breakdown of expenditures across the County.

Later in the meeting McMahon spoke about the possibility of Conquest Outback Productions coming to Minden Hills to do a feature film for an episode of The Dimestore Fishermen in the community.

In their correspondence to McMahon, the production company said that the Dimestore Fishermen is about the destination as much as the fishing itself. McMahon said, "Minden Hills was identified as a location that would be very entertaining for the viewers. This is a wonderful opportunity to promote Minden

Hills to the world."

According to McMahon, he and their CAO Gerry Morrison held a conference call with the production manager who was planning to film the feature in September to capture the fall colours. The company has worked in Schreiber and Marathon but neither community has yet had an opportunity to view their video.

According to the production company's correspondence, The Dimestore Fishermen provides a focus on exposing great Canadian fishing destinations to an international viewing audience but also takes a serious look at the cultural, historical and recreational aspects of the municipality they are visiting.

The only hitch to moving forward and approving the film was a cost of just over \$10,000 plus expenses for the crew filming in the community over a four day period. According to McMahon the bill in Schreiber was \$14,000 which was supplemented by a grant for \$5,000 given their northern Ontario location.

Councillor Oyler commented, "The County has a \$450,000 dollar annual budget and three staff to promote tourism in all parts of the County. I wonder if any overtures could be made to the county to fund this project. Thirty-one percent of the County's tax levy comes from Minden Hills and it seems that the County should assist with

this or even pay for the whole thing."

Oyler said he would be glad to see the production crew come to Minden Hills, but in order to go ahead he felt there should be assistance from the county. He said, "Sure it brings business to Minden Hills but I'd like our CAO to hold a discussion about this with the County's Jim Wilson and Bob Smith at the top of their pink palace."

Morrison advised Council that the opportunity had only come up over the last several weeks and the company is looking for a commitment by August 8th. He said that if Council was going to make the project conditional on County funds or other outside funding sources they would have to look at it again in 2009. He added that County Council was not scheduled to meet again until the end of August.

Councillor Rick Ratcliff referred to the use of the words 'potential broadcast' in the correspondence, saying there was no guarantee that it would in fact be broadcast, and that the letter was marked with asterisks and notes that everything is subject to change. Ratcliffe said, "If this is to be considered we'll have to check into the broadcasters in Canada to determine whether there is a solid working relationship in place. It would be a great promotional tool, but we should have more information." Ratcliff also questioned how much Minden had received from the County with respect to economic development.

Councillor Barbara Reid also voiced concern that there was no guarantee of air time. She said it would be too much money for just a promo film.

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A New Perspective on Pritchard House

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Discussions about finding suitable office space for the Legal Aid office took an unexpected turn last Thursday during the Minden Hills Council meeting. The fact that Legal Aid would require office space within a few weeks sparked the idea that Pritchard House could be a viable option at some point. Even more important, the discussion was a clear indication that the Council was open to options that would keep Pritchard House standing for the foreseeable future.

A final decision on the fate of Pritchard House was to be determined at Council's meeting late in May. However, when the agreed deadline arrived both Reeve Jim McMahon and Councillor Lisa Schell were not present and Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch recommended waiting until a full Council was present to make their decision. Council agreed with this recommendation.

For various reasons the decision has been deferred since that time. Issues about meeting Building Code requirements and the resulting costs remain precariously balanced against the desires of the Pritchard House Preservation Society and associated previous user groups to save the building for its place in the heritage of the community.

Reeve McMahon, who brought the subject of Legal Aid's need to the table, suggested that space might be available in the County Building. Other locations were being offered as suggestions for consideration when Councillor Barbara Reid asked if it is the Municipality's responsibility to find space for Legal Aid.

Councillor Bill Obee commented that Council was not obliged to find them space, but said, "There is a benefit to the Municipality and its residents therefore making it advisable to assist in finding the necessary office space."

Councillor Schell said, "If legal aid is important to us, what about using Pritchard House." She said that if the offices were limited to the first floor no elevator would be required, thus reducing the cost to upgrade the building and bring it to code.

McMahon agreed, saying there would even be an economic spin-off to having the Legal Aid office in a municipal building, but Councillor Rick Ratcliff cautioned Council about the major expense involved in rehabilitating the building. Schell reiterated her comments about limiting the building's use to a single floor which would keep costs down. She added that any rent received would over time help to offset the cost of improvements.

Councillor Peter Oyler inquired when space was needed for Legal Aid and McMahon responded that they would be required to relocate later this month. Oyler said, "Pritchard House has not been brought before us. We could consider Councillor Schell's idea but the overall issue about Pritchard House needs to be brought to a head."

Oyler continued to ruminate a bit, saying that while it would cost the Municipality to keep the building, it might be an idea to simply bite the bullet, do the work themselves and receive a respectable income from a revenue making group. Oyler reminded

Council that they were still waiting for recommendations from Environmental & Property Operations Manager Bob Romberg.

It should be noted that the last open discussion held about Pritchard House by Council included a request that Romberg work with Rick Cox, Director of Community Services. Their combined report was expected to include recommendations for play space on municipal property as well as making detailed recommendations about what should be done with Pritchard House.

McMahon reminded Council of his original suggestion to pursue space in the County Building. A comment was made that a road map was required to get around the County building which would not be beneficial for people seeking legal aid assistance in the building.

However, despite Council previously having almost come to terms with the fact that Pritchard House would likely be torn down, it did seem that there was a pervasive feeling in the room that Pritchard House could be kept standing for now. McMahon said, "It's no good keeping the building empty and if there is a paying tenant to assist with overhead, I would not have a problem agreeing to keep the building."

Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch commented that she had been thinking a lot about the building and she agreed that the Municipality should do the renovations, do them right and seek a good tenant. Murdoch also commented that the municipal building is reaching capacity and the Municipality may also need the space in the future.

Once again, the fate of Pritchard House takes another interesting turn. Stay tuned. ■

Changes in the Wind for the World of Uranium Exploration and Mining

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

"Bancroft Uranium has a lot more properties they can work."

On July 31st Bancroft Uranium announced the appointment of Mr. Robert McIntosh as the new President and CEO of the company. McIntosh has been the Chief Geological Consultant on their Monmouth Project, working with and advising field operations.

According to the company's recent press release, McIntosh has 25 years of experience in the mining industry where he designed, implemented and executed exploration, drilling and production operations in a number of commodities such as gold, base metals and uranium. He has served as a Director and Officer of many publicly listed companies in both the United States and Canada.

McIntosh states, "I am pleased to assume the expanded role as President of Bancroft Uranium and am looking forward to an exciting future for both the company and the uranium sector. As nuclear power expands to offset sky-high oil prices, the company will be positioned to take advantage of this opportunity at Monmouth and other projects. We would like to grow Bancroft Uranium into a producer of U308 (uranium) and feel that we have taken a great step with the new compliant resource at Monmouth."

Les Hammond, previous President and CEO, will remain as a Director of the company and will assume the role of Chief Operating Officer as well as continuing to assist in the company's financial matters.

The company has also announced the implementation of recommendations made in their recently completed engineering report for the Monmouth Project. According to an announcement by Hammond in July, the report concluded that Monmouth has an inferred resource of 1.4 million tons at a grade of 0.5 pounds per ton for a total resource of 700,000 pounds of uranium.

Work will involve a second phase drilling program of 50 plus drill holes totalling approximately 10,000 to 15,000 feet. Fill-in holes will be added within the limits of the company's 2008 program and additional holes added both along the strike and in both dip directions. The work will include prospecting, mapping and sampling in the remainder of their claim block. In addition to that, the company is preparing to take a 50-100 ton bulk sample for further metallurgical testing.

When asked for his thoughts on Bancroft Uranium's recent announcements, Fight Uranium Mining and Exploration's (FUME) co-founder Robin Simpson said, "Having a geologist in place to head up the company might be the most appropriate decision at the present time. Although the company went in there looking for a million and a half pounds of uranium they only found about half of that

around the old exploration sites."

According to Simpson uranium prices have dropped from \$130 a pound to its current value of \$55 a pound. He is concerned that people in the area will think mining activity will not happen any time soon, which could slow down active protests. "Bancroft Uranium has a lot more properties they can work and there are two other serious companies here that have claims that I anticipate they'll be working on soon."

When asked how their letter writing campaign was progressing, Simpson said, "We have personally supervised 700 letters going out to the Premier with copies to the Minister responsible and MPP's in Ontario. In addition many people took bundles of letters back to their lake associations and we've been getting feedback that many of them have been sent out so I would estimate that as many as a 1000 letters have been sent."

FUME intends to expand their letter writing campaign into the Muskoka area, continuing to seek support from cottagers throughout the summer and early fall. They also intend to institute another letter writing campaign that will be available to supporters through the internet.

Simpson also said that FUME, along with a number of other groups, has been quietly forming a stronger bond. "At this point there is a really good chance of two coalitions forming out of all the groups in Ontario that are fighting uranium exploration and mining."

"The group we're becoming associated with will be fighting the mining act specifically, seeking changes that we feel are necessary to protect crown and private land as well as issues of concern to aboriginal groups."

According to Simpson recent statements made by Premier McGuinty indicate a focus on aboriginal concerns. "The other murmur we've heard about changes to the mining act is an agreement by the government that people going onto your property without notification is not a good thing. However, I am concerned that they will promote staking of private land by GPS. This simply means that while no-one will be walking around your land, there will be no stakes to alert you to activity taking place on your property and you won't even know that the staking has happened."

"Over the next little while the coalition being formed will be strategizing about how to address specific issues in the mining act like this. They will also be demanding input into the process rather than seeing the government simply talking to the mining companies about what they want."

FUME has a public information meeting scheduled for this Sunday, August 10th at the Gooderham Community Centre. The meeting will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with a focus on exploration and claim staking, Bancroft Uranium's activities, the effects of radon gas and uranium in well water as well as general health issues associated with uranium, how it can affect residents in the County and what can be done to stop further exploration and mining activity. ■

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Sewage Treatment Plant Causing Local Concern

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"All I want is a little peace and quiet."

(Carl Hiscock)

Carlton Hiscock says is not a happy camper. Hiscock addressed the Minden Hills Council last Thursday about noise emanating from the sewage treatment plant and said it was driving him nuts. Hiscock's frustration with municipality's apparent lack of action was obviously adding to his angst.

According to Hiscock, the problem has been going on for two years with no action being taken by Council or as promised by municipal staff. Hiscock has asked that mufflers be installed at the treatment plant and has written to and spoken with Environmental & Property Operations Manager Bob Romberg on a number of occasions.

The plant is located on the left side of Deep Bay Road in Minden just past the hospital. Hiscock's home is actually on Spring Valley Road on the other side of the river, but it's directly adjacent to the plant. He said, "I think I'm the closest resident to the plant."

Romberg wrote to Hiscock last fall, advising that silencers for the blowers at the plant were being considered, but that the Council was waiting for a consultant's report on the feasibility of a plant expansion prior to making a determination. Correspondence from Romberg to Hiscock indicates that Romberg also promised to have the consultant meet with Hiscock, something that has not happened and

Hiscock wants to know why.

"This is a 24 hour a day vibrating noise that is driving me nuts. I want to know why the problem hasn't been solved," Hiscock said. He also said that he had received constant assurances from Romberg that the matter would be resolved but there have been no results. Hiscock also said that he finally called

the consultant involved who told him he had no knowledge of Hiscock's concerns, nor had he been given any direction to contact Hiscock or look into mufflers for the plant.

Hiscock told Council that he has been in contact with MPP Laurie Scott's office who suggested he contact the Ministry of the Environment (MOE). According to Hiscock, representatives from MOE advised him that the Town could be fined on a daily basis until the noise problem abated and that they were going to contact Romberg directly.

Reeve Jim McMahon said that he was unaware that the issue had not been addressed until Council received Hiscock's letter. "We have no choice but to follow up now," McMahon said. However, McMahon also voiced a concern that there are as many as 20 residents living closer to the plant than Hiscock who have not raised any concerns about noise. McMahon confirmed that the Town had received a formal complaint from MOE that will be followed up on; something that would cost unforeseen expenses not budgeted for.

Hiscock said, "This has been going on for two years. It



was finally brought to Council last year and nothing has been done." According to Hiscock the reason he is impacted more than others by the noise is due to bubbler intakes being on the same side of the facility as him. He said, "It acts like a band shell and directs the noise right to me."

McMahon assured Hiscock that they had been given an order and action would be taken.

Councillor Barbara Reid said, "We thought there was an action plan in place last fall but that did not happen. That is a concern to me." McMahon reiterated that the order from MOE would be acted upon.

In a conversation with the Voice, Hiscock said the noise had always been there, but not as bad until Hydro One installed new lines and cleaned all the trees out of their right-of-way. "The trees acted as a buffer until then and once the buffer was gone the noise was constant and actually vibrates in the house, especially at night."

Hiscock questions the fact that no-one from the municipality including McMahon has come down to check out the noise themselves as he welcomed them to do at the meeting. He's also a bit curious about whether or not MOE will actually issue a fine to the Municipality if no action is taken.

He says he's very disappointed in the lack of action or promised follow up to his requests: "All I want is a little peace and quiet." ■

Is Everybody Really Equal Under the Law?

Local Quarry Operator Upset by Government Treatment

Tyson Farrell
Staff Reporter

Joe Graham is a man with a grievance. When he bought property in Minden Hills a few years ago he wanted to open a gravel pit and quarry. He soon discovered that this was no easy task. The municipal and provincial government demanded that he carefully follow a long list of rules that were time consuming and extremely expensive. Graham took the time, spent the money, and followed the rules. It took him more than two years. He was shocked when he recently watched his next door neighbour open a gravel pit, almost "overnight," apparently neglecting due process.

"When I wanted to open up my pit, I had to follow a lot of procedure. I had to put public notices in the paper, have public meetings, and everybody in the township had the opportunity and right to voice their opinion on the matter," Graham said. "And I was alright with that. It's the law, and that's what you have to do. I had to get environmental impact studies done, and take measures to ensure that everything was environmentally safe. The municipality held us to the letter of the law. They made sure we crossed every 'T' and dotted every 'I'. The entire zoning process took about two years, and cost almost \$100,000."

After all of Graham's efforts, he finally got government approval, and was permitted to open up a gravel pit and quarry. This year he watched as his next door neighbour opened up a pit, forgoing the tedious process Graham underwent. "There were no public notices, no meetings, no strenuous rezoning process, or anything. Where was the municipality and the MNR? How come they didn't demand that my neighbour jump through all the hoops that I did? Why didn't he have to follow the law? All people are supposed to be equal under the law. Well it seems to me like there are different laws for different people here."

Graham believes that there are few differences between the operation he is running, and his neighbour's. "My neighbour's pit is only a few hundred metres from my front door! It's the exact same environmental conditions, forest, area, and everything. There's no reason why he shouldn't have to go through the same process that we did!"

"I know that this new pit next door is selling to the public. The pit area therefore needs to be zoned industrial extractive. Well its zoned rural," Graham said. "So the MNR and the municipality are letting them do as they please, with no objection. It isn't right."

Graham claims that he is not upset by the new pit that is so close to his house. "It's not the fact that my neighbour opened a pit. It doesn't bother me, and I don't have any problem with him, or what he's doing. I'm just upset that I had to go through a two year process, and he opened up a pit so easily. There shouldn't be two laws. Everybody should be treated equally."

Minden Hills' officials were unwilling to comment, saying that it was an MNR matter. Numerous calls to the MNR from the County Voice were not returned. ■

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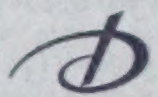
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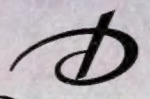
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Garden Pests

By Teresa Wright, Environment Haliburton!

At this time of year gardeners can find time to relax and enjoy their flowers and green spaces, in spite of the never-ending battle against bugs and weeds. Most of us use a variety of means to protect our lawns and gardens, but some of these methods will concern with human health and the health of our environment, the Ontario government is banning the sale and use of pesticides for lawns and gardens.

More than 300 pesticide products will be banned, including pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, insecticides, or combination fertilizer/weed killers. The ban will take effect in 2009.

Pesticides affect more than the species they are intended to kill. Human health can be at risk. The Pesticide Literature Review, a report released by the Ontario College of Family Physicians, shows "consistent links to serious illnesses such as cancer, reproductive problems and neurological diseases."

"Many local gardeners have already adopted a pesticide-free approach"

Children and pregnant women are particularly susceptible to pesticides. Children play in and on the grass, but their immune systems are not sufficiently developed to protect them adequately from the effects of pesticides. Many local gardeners have already adopted a pesticide-free approach to gardening, recognizing that the best way to protect lawns and gardens against pests and disease is to keep them vigorous and healthy in the first place. In general, the following actions will minimize pests and diseases: 1) choose plant species suitable for the Haliburton climate and conditions 2) grow disease-resistant plants 3) provide good growing conditions, ie adequate sun, water, air circulation, and the removal of diseased plants 4) enrich the soil by the use of compost 5) inspect the garden regularly for pests and diseases.

For healthy lawns in particular, gardeners can set the mower blade to a height of 3", leave grass clippings on the lawn, water to a depth of one inch once a week, spread grass seed over the lawn every year, and aerate the soil.

When pests and diseases do become a problem, there are a wide variety of environmentally-friendly options to choose from. Bugs can be picked off by hand or removed by traps. Diseased plants can be pruned and burned. Physical barriers such as row covers, mulches, or plant collars can be put in place to keep bugs away. Or specific problems can be treated by beneficial organisms such as Bt (*Bacillus thuringiensis*), soaps, oils or natural pesticides extracted from plants.

The payoff to an ecologically-friendly approach to gardening is a truly green garden, beautiful to look at, relax in, and safe for kids (and pets) to play in. It is one more step away from pollution and toward a healthy environment.

For a detailed discussion of the pesticide ban and gardening without pesticides, see the Environment Haliburton! website: <http://www.environmenthaliburton.ca>.

MPP Laurie Scott Launches Gas Tax Petition

"Gas Taxes go Exclusively to Cities with Transit Systems."

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott is encouraging motorists to vent their frustration over high gasoline prices and a provincial government seemingly indifferent to the needs of their communities by signing a petition that she plans to circulate throughout the riding. It will also be available on her website.

"Smaller municipalities are facing ongoing struggles to fix roads and bridges, while the McGuinty Liberals continue to take our gas tax dollars and give them exclusively to cities with transit systems," said Scott. "Our communities here in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock deserve better."

Currently, the only municipalities eligible for predictable gasoline tax transfers from the province are those operating mass transit systems. Federal gas tax revenues are already shared among all municipalities, both large and small.

"What little money small municipalities have received from the Liberals has not been sufficient to maintain our roads and bridges," observed Ms. Scott. "When you consider the added cottage and holiday traffic driving in our rural communities it hardly seems fair."

In the spring Scott spoke to the Legislature in support of a bill presented by Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP John Yakubski, which would have shared revenue from Ontario's 14.7 cents per litre gas tax among both rural and urban municipalities. The governing Liberals voted against the bill.

"This idea is worth fighting for," said Scott. "That's why we've launched this petition."

Ms. Scott's petition calls on the McGuinty government to redistribute gas tax revenues fairly to all municipalities across Ontario. It is available at the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Constituency Office in Lindsay, and will also be posted on Ms. Scott's website at www.lauriescottmpp.com.



Take Care When You're Having Fun in the Sun

"It's amazing how quickly you can dehydrate."

Tyson Farrell
Staff Reporter

"When somebody gets heat stroke it can affect their mental abilities. This can prevent them from taking the proper actions."

It's been a wet and wild summer, with more rainy days than most people desire. Despite the high amounts of precipitation, there has been the occasional hot and sunny day. When the sun has come out, people have tried to soak up as many rays as possible. This may be an extremely enjoyable activity, but fun in the sun is not without its perils.

With the sun comes heat-related illnesses. Hyperthermia, which is often referred to as heat stroke or sunstroke, is an acute condition which occurs when the body produces or absorbs more heat than it can dissipate. It is usually due to excessive

exposure to heat. The heat-regulating mechanisms of the body eventually become overwhelmed and unable to effectively deal with the heat, therefore the body temperature climbs uncontrollably. This is a medical emergency that requires immediate medical attention.

Symptoms can vary from heat cramps to heat exhaustion. This includes heavy sweating, weakness, nausea and fainting. In extreme cases, a person can suffer from heat stroke, a condition that causes headache, dizziness, and confusion. In extreme cases, sun stroke can be fatal.

Carol Browne is a nurse with the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team, and is very knowledgeable about heat-related illness. "Heat stroke can happen if people are out in the sun too long and they don't remain hydrated. Sometimes young people get it because they don't think to drink when they're outside. Babies are vulnerable because they don't have as much water in their system. The same goes for seniors. Anybody who works in the sun can get heat stroke." People with pre-existing diseases like asthma, or chronic lung and cardiac diseases, are particularly vulnerable to heat related illnesses.

When heat stroke occurs, the body temperature must be lowered immediately. The victim should be moved to a cool area (indoors, or at least in the shade) and clothing removed to promote heat. Active cooling methods may be used. The person is bathed in cool water and a hyperthermia vest applied. However, wrapping the victim in wet towels or clothes can actually act as insulation and increase the body temperature. "When somebody gets heat stroke it can affect their mental abilities," Browne said. "This can prevent them from taking the proper actions."

"There are ways to prevent heat stroke" Browne said. "People should always be drinking when they're out in the sun. This can be water, but Gatorade or something like it is good to replenish electrolytes. People should be in tune with the environment. If it's really hot out, try not to work outside. If you're a contractor, and you're doing something like roofing, drink lots, and take frequent breaks. People should also try to avoid running when it's really hot."

To beat the heat, local residents are encouraged to check their local weather forecast to get a sense of conditions and plan their actions accordingly. On steamy, summer days, avoid the heat and humidity by staying indoors during the hottest time of the day, usually from mid-morning to mid-afternoon. Use fans to stay cool and keep curtains and window blinds closed to reduce heat from entering.

The Perils of Heat Related Illnesses

Creating a cross breeze with fans can also help. People may also want to take advantage of air-conditioned or cool places such as shopping malls, libraries or a friend's place. Avoid doing strenuous activities on very hot and humid days, which can be very dangerous. Remember to drink plenty of fluids such as water and natural juices to stay hydrated. Avoid consuming alcoholic beverages and coffee that can cause dehydration. Wear lightweight, loose-fitting clothing that are cooler and allows sweat to evaporate.

"It's amazing how quickly you can dehydrate," Browne said. "So take care of yourself and drink lots." ■

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In addition to the many performances, this year's festival will feature a brand-new wilderness dance component as well as a major expansion of the EcoArt initiative that was started last season.

Beginning in this week's issue of The Voice, we are featuring bios on performers who will be at this majestic festival; starting with Canadian musical comedienne Mary Lou Fallis.

Also be sure to look for an overview of the event with scheduled performances in the next issue of The Highlands Communicator, set to come out on Thursday, Aug. 4.

For more details visit www.theforestfestival.com or call Lesley English, Forest Festival General Manager at 705 754-4167 to get your tickets. ■

'Primadonna Goes Into the Woods'

Top Secret Show by Mary Lou Fallis to Premier at The Forest Festival

"Canada's foremost musical comedienne"-
William Littler, Toronto Star

Mary Lou (Louise) Fallis is an innovator with many talents. Fallis is known to thousands of viewers and listeners across the country for the Bravo! Television series Bathroom Divas (opera's answer to American Idol), her CBC Radio series Diva Diaries and to thousands of theatre-goers as "Primadonna." And this soprano, teacher, comedian and writer will be bringing along some of her best work to the 2008 Forest Festival.

Fallis was first taught vocals and how to play the piano by her grandmother and choral conductor Jennie Bouck. At 15 she made her first operatic debut in a CBC-TV production of The Magic Flute. As a young woman she sang in the St. George's Youth Choir under Lloyd Bradshaw, the Festival Singers of Canada, and other choral groups.

She studied with performers Irene Jessner and Maureen Forrester at the University of Toronto, and with Bernard Diamant privately, beginning in 1971. She won the CBC Talent Festival in 1973 and the Metropolitan Opera Regional Auditions in 1974. She was a member of the Canadian Opera Company (COC) from 1964-1967 and in 1969.

Her operatic roles, mainly lyric-coloratura, included Gabrielle in La Vie parisienne and Zerbinetta in Ariadne auf Naxos at the 1974 and 1975 Stratford Festivals respectively, Flora in The Turn of the Screw with the National Arts Centre Orchestra (NACO), Papagena in The Magic Flute at Festival Canada (Ottawa) in 1975 and the title role in Lakmé with Stuart Hamilton's Opera in Concert in 1985. She sang with the Toronto Symphony on many occasions (eg, in the Canadian premiere of Mahler's Symphony No. 8 in 1983), and also with other orchestras throughout Canada, and performed in recital, as a founding member of the Arioso Trio.

Fallis also appeared regularly at summer festivals. She sang in the first complete performance (1978) and on the recording of Schafer's Loving; and in 1982, accompanied by Monica Gaylord, she recorded Weinzwieg's Private Collection for Centrediscs (CMC CD-0582). In addition to broadcasts on CBC radio, Fallis hosted the CBC TV series 'Showcase' in 1988-1989.

At the request of Elyakim Taussig, Fallis (assisted by actor Heath Lamberts) created Primadonna - a one-woman concert theatre piece for the 1981 Stratford Summer Music. The success of this comic view of a singer's world, which garnered an ACTRA award, gave a new direction to her career. With Duncan McIntosh she then developed Emma, Queen of Song, for the 1984 Shaw Festival (where her accompanist was Carl Morey).

Fallis and McIntosh then wrote The Mrs. Bach Show, first presented at the 1985 Edmonton TriBach Festival. She toured in the USA and throughout Canada performing Primadonna and The Mrs. Bach Show in locations as diverse as Vancouver's Expo 86, Roy Thomson Hall, Whitehorse, the federal penitentiary for women in Kingston, Ont, and New York's Radio City Music Hall.

In 1989 she was invited to present her shows at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe (with Bruce Ubukata as accompanist), and in 1990 she returned to Great Britain for a three-month tour that included a second engagement in Edinburgh and performances at the Wexford Opera Festival, the Belfast International Festival and at the Fortune Theatre for the Covent Garden International Festival. In 1991 she created The Madcap Adventures of Fräulein Mozart (Ms Mozart) for Toronto's Glory of Mozart festival. She also developed recital programs based on the CMHS publications that indulged her interest in Canadian musical Victoriana.

She was co-owner of Opening Day Records and the 1997 CD Primadonna on a Moose (ODR 9310), featuring Canadian popular songs 1840-1930, was the singer's first solo recording. While frequently appearing in revivals of her comedic shows, Fallis also maintained a profile as a serious singer, with engagements including Bach's Magnificat with Tafelmusik, and as Polly Peachum in The Beggar's Opera in Edmonton.

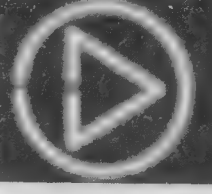
Her later comic creations included Primadonna's First Farewell Tour and for the Stratford Festival's 50th anniversary in 2002, Primadonna Does Shakespeare. Fallis's comedic ability led to her being called the successor to Anna Russell.

Fallis also taught privately and at York University, Royal Hamilton College of Music, Queen's University and at the University of Western Ontario beginning in 1998.

For her service on arts committees, she received the Toronto Arts and Letters Club Award in 1996.

Mary Lou lives in Toronto with her husband Peter, their two teen-aged children and a very woolly dog named Guinness. ■





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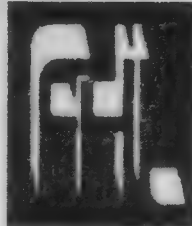
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Walking a Different Path

Putting the Dream of St. George's by the Lake on Hold

Liz Daniels

Staff Reporter

Sometimes we have to put our dreams on the back burner. Or, in order to achieve our dreams, we have to walk a different path. That is the case with the dream of St. George's Anglican Church to provide seniors' accommodation in Haliburton. The proposed development was called 'St. George's by the Lake', and was to have been developed with the Watercolour Condominium group.

Many people in Haliburton may have forgotten that this development, now proposed for the old Sir Sandford Fleming site on Head Lake, was originally to be a two-phase project with phase one starting on the Anglican Church's property. However, some outstanding legal issues over an informal right-of-way derailed the project, at least for now.

Evelyn Beeby, one of the Church Wardens said that about eight years ago the property next to the Church became available. Beeby says that a request was made to the Diocese about acquiring the property to prepare for future church expansion. The property was purchased.

This led to a visioning session. "A lot of people came out," said Beeby. "Questions were asked and thoughts put forward about what we should do. Someone suggested that we might consider housing for seniors. We recognized that we had a problem with seniors having to leave, not only the congregation, but their families and friends as well because they didn't have anywhere to live when they could no longer take care of their homes and acreages."

According to Beeby it always seems so much more laudable to provide housing for those in significant need. She said that during their meetings one lady stood up and said, "I will not apologize for being middle class. I have worked hard in my life and I need a place to live and I can afford to buy something."

Beeby said this idea simply took off with the support of over 90% of the congregation. "We knew we didn't have government funding or a pot of gold to work with, but we had the land and were willing to share it."

According to Beeby the reason the Church was interested in doing something was twofold. "It started simply as a Ministry trying to find housing for elders of modest means." Ultimately, a 12-member Board of Directors was set up to guide and support the initiative that came to be called *St. George's by the Lake*.

Meanwhile, the Church itself was suffering its own challenges. St. George's has been in Haliburton since 1864. It was originally a 16' x 24' log structure serving as the only place for Christian worship in the region. It was built on a hill overlooking Head Lake on a 197 acre land grant called glebe (or church) lands. These lands now form Glebe Park. At the time, the land provided wood to heat the Rectory and Church as well as maple syrup to add to the income of the Clergy.

A new building was constructed in the gothic style in 1870 for a cost of \$700 dollars and during the 1920's another substantial addition was built. The lands were sold to the Municipality in 1967 with the understanding that the property would remain as parkland or used for educational purposes.

As the years went by there were problems with the building. Rev. Faun Harriman said, "150 year old Anglican churches are not energy efficient. The heating bills are outrageous and the basement is very cold. We don't have proper accessibility to the Church and we don't have a large enough place for people to congregate." The building also needs new roofing and numerous other repairs.

"Originally we thought of building around the church," said Beeby. "However, we found that we couldn't just add an addition to the church and commit future generations to the administration of this type of facility on our property."

But the congregation still continued to work toward seeing their dream become a reality. According to Beeby there has been some opposition to making such a move, likely fueled by fear of change. "After all, the Church has served people for a very long time; people have been married and their children baptized there and people can become very attached to bricks and mortar."

Despite a small group who had difficulty readily accepting the idea of change, they were able to move forward. Committees were established and people worked on what was wanted and needed in a new church. The committees researched land and architects and fund raising initiatives.

Beeby said they worked with a number of developers and finally found Ad Mahlo and his Symbol Communities Group. "This is a group that spent a long time exploring Haliburton and its needs for seniors' accommodation," she said. "They met with all of the service providers in the area and their investment was significant. We worked very amicably with them and continue to do so to this day. We liked Ad and felt good about the Church sharing its bounty with him, but we simply ran into a road block."

Much to their dismay, when poised to sign documents for its sale, they found they didn't have clear title to the Church property because of a long standing agreement to allow access across the front of the property. Beeby said, "You can imagine what it was like. Years ago everyone had such good relations with their

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neighbors and when someone needs to use your property to get to theirs you offer your help. That's what being a good neighbour is all about."

Beeby says the Church has affidavits of horse and buggies traveling that particular path. "Unfortunately," Beeby said, "the property eventually changed hands and we didn't protect the asset appropriately by ensuring there was documentation to the effect that neighbors could go ahead and use it, but it remained the property of the Church."

At one time it was simply a path to haul boats up to the marina. In 1985 the property changed hands and an apartment was put in. Development on the property continued and now there are a number of apartments. The pathway has been widened into a road over the years and money spent on it.

Harriman said that at the time everyone did what they thought was best and decisions were made for the best reasons. "There are all kinds of churches over the years that have shared their properties with their neighbours."

According to Beeby, efforts to resolve the matter were not met with any easy solutions. "We tried to ensure that there was an understanding where the ownership lay and as a religious group we certainly didn't want to cast any stones." We've had to step back and say that until we can resolve our land issue we can't do anything."

When asked how far the Board had come with architectural drawings for a new Church, Beeby said they had only developed conceptual drawings but had started discussions with an architect about details and style. She said, "We had an agreement that we would take things with us that we felt there was an emotional attachment to. In particular, we would have worked with the stained glass windows somehow. We wanted to have a facility that was energy efficient and very up to date that would suit any land that we acquired."

Beeby says they are still in the very early stages of looking at their options for the future. "We're in a holding pattern, but at some time in the future our plans could still move forward. We'll have to follow the success of the Watercolour units, how they sell and how the facility works. There will still be a need for housing for seniors and we may be able to be part of that in the future. We have spent a great deal of time working on this and now have the knowledge and desire to continue."

In the meantime, Beeby also says that they are always open to an amicable resolution of their land issue.

Harriman said, "This is a wonderful congregation that showed courage, vision and a desire to make a difference in the community. At this time next year we could have been breaking ground, but there were certainly some things going on that we had no control over. As things stand, Haliburton is likely going to have 150 condo units available for seniors and that is truly wonderful news. Our dream will now be on the other side of the lake to look at."

"We had a lot of people very excited about what we could do as a congregation, but God has given us a different path to walk. So, let's just walk the path and live in hope."



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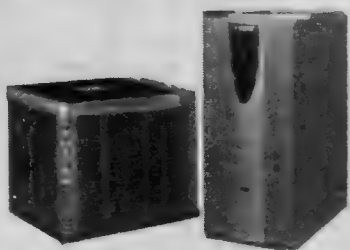
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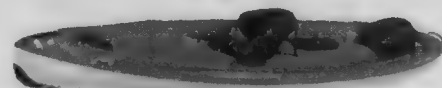
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Goose Poop Ponderings

Will Inflatable Swans be a Good Management Tool?

**"This is a dirty problem."
(Rick Cox)**

Last Thursday the Minden Hills Council considered a report from Rick Cox, their Director of Community Services on goose and snow management for the Riverwalk pathway, Rotary Park and the riverbanks. According to Cox the number of geese in these areas is dramatically higher than in previous years and their numbers will continue to grow if no action plan is in place.

Cox said, "This is a dirty problem." He said he had been getting complaints that will have to be dealt with. "Best practices require that we should be consistent but not put all our eggs in one basket" he said; to which Councillor Peter Oyler responded, "That's pretty loopy goosey."

Cox said the goose problem was over for the year for the most part and the streets needed to be swept. He reported that the walkway was to be sprayed that day as part of a Fire Department training exercise. Cox added that there were no funds identified in his budget for geese management initiatives, something that would need to be considered for next year.

One of the things Cox suggested was the idea of using trained dogs to deal with the geese. He also suggested that an inexpensive way to do this would also be to install several poop 'n scoop stations along both sides of the river and encourage residents to walk their dogs along the riverbank, making things less comfortable for the geese.

Other suggestions raised by Cox included nest disturbance, using birds of prey and relocation programs. Several cheeky remarks were made by Council about relocating geese to local freezers or using the recently much talked about TNR (trap, neuter and release) program on them.

Referring to snow removal, Cox said, "Our equipment can't be deployed on the existing pathway and won't fit the improved Riverwalk. Concerns were raised about safety on the walkway but Cox advised that if the pathway was maintained throughout the winter it would be sanded and kept in similar condition to the sidewalks.

Councillor Peter Oyler voiced concern about sand getting into the river and suggested that discussions would have to be held with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) as well as the Ministry of Environment (MOE). He also said that keeping the Riverwalk open for the winter would cost big bucks for staffing and equipment. Oyler said, "If we have snow like last winter how

will anyone be able to access the Riverwalk?"

According to Cox the use of sand would be part of submissions to DFO and MOE. He also said that as part of the planning process he would be speaking with the Road Superintendent about changes to snow removal practices that would be required.

Cox recommended that Council consider purchasing a small articulated tractor that could be used with a powered brush in the summer or with a blade, brush or snow blower in the winter to deal with snow removal. Cox suggested that given the sizeable investment in Riverwalk it would be appropriate to maintain the pathway for year round use. Various safety concerns were raised for consideration, but the discussion turned back to managing the geese.

In his report Cox also referred to a research project completed by Trent University students on his behalf that identified options for managing geese in Minden. The report suggested that proper management practices should be multi-faceted and consistently applied.

Suggestions in the report included maintaining shoreline plantings to reduce the areas where geese can leave the river. It suggested that the use of noise, automated sprinklers, low wire fences and other techniques are found to work for certain periods of time, but the geese often get used to the distractions or find their way around barriers. Egg addling was recommended as a good technique to reduce the number of geese but requires trained practitioners and permits. Nest and egg destruction as well as bird relocation have been successful if combined with other deterrents, but according to the report are expensive alternatives.

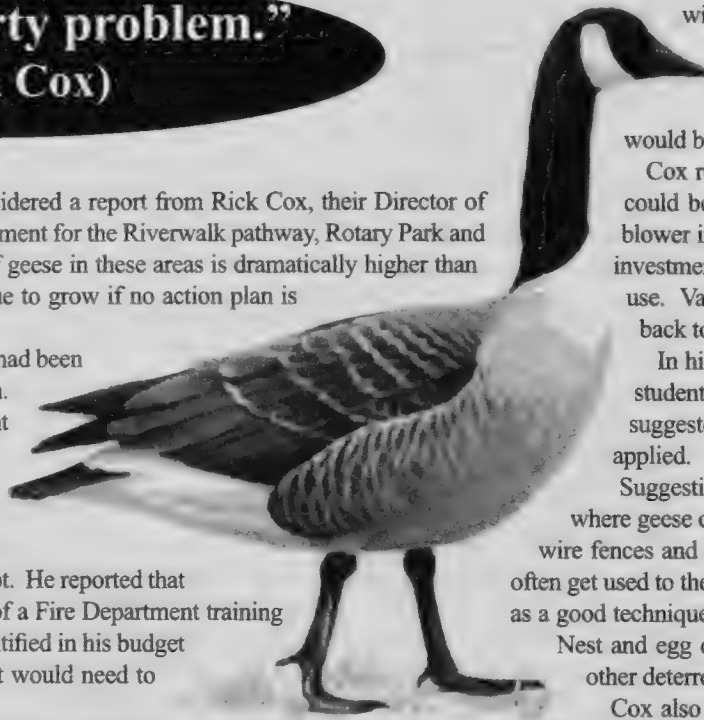
Cox also suggested investigating the use of swans. In his report he suggested that as swans are very territorial they would drive the geese off. He said it had been suggested that making Minden home to a pair or two of swans may be both an attraction to the riverbank and an effective technique in reducing the number of geese.

Cox said that he would secure quotes for a comprehensive goose management program and include funding in the following year's budget for Council's consideration. He said, "I don't have all the answers yet, but I think we can keep the Riverwalk open year round in a responsible way."

Councillor Bill Obee referred to the significant reduction of geese at the Delta Pinestone and in Haliburton and suggested looking at their management techniques.

Reeve Jim McMahon said he had been speaking with the greens keeper at the Pinestone who had said that a number of inflatable lobsters in place during the recent Lobsterfest had very effectively scared all the geese away for weeks. McMahon suggested using inflatable swans in the river.

Councillor Barbara Reid thought giving the inflatable swans a try was a good idea and Oyler said it would be terrific if that was all it took to reduce the problem of geese. Council passed a resolution acknowledging the recommendations made in Cox's report and agreed the costs would be considered during budget deliberations for the following year. ■



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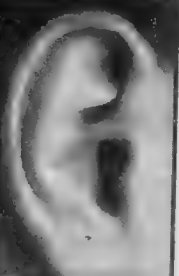
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Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Arctic Breakup

The largest breakup of Arctic ice in three years created two huge ice islands off far northern Canada in what researchers say is the latest evidence of a warming climate. The chunks broke off the Ward Hunt Ice Shelf on the coast of Ellesmere Island in Canada's Nunavut territory. One of the new islands of ice measures 1.9 square miles while the other is 5.4 square miles in size. In a related development, scientists say this summer's cooler Arctic weather should prevent a repeat of last year's record melting of the polar ice pack.

Magnetic Repulsion

Researchers in Australia say they have discovered a unique and effective way to keep sharks away — magnets. A team from the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries and James Cook University says its findings could help keep sharks out of fishing nets. "They react violently to the magnets, rapidly turning and swinging away from them," said researcher Jamie Seymour. He said sharks and rays have acute sensing organs that detect electromagnetic fields in water. While the use of magnets could benefit fishing fleets, Seymour said he doesn't believe they could prevent shark attacks on humans.

Earthquakes

A 5.4 magnitude quake that struck the Los Angeles basin caused a few minor injuries as it cracked water mains and gas lines. The shaking was felt as far away as Las Vegas.

• Earth movements were also felt in southern Mexico, northeastern Bangladesh and East Timor.

Warming Appetite

Milder European winters due to climate change have brought flocks of ravenous birds to feed on Danish crops, and farmers are petitioning the government to allow them to kill the winged pests. "This is a vicious circle," farmer's union leader Herdis Dam told the newspaper *Fredriksborg Amts Avis*. "The mild winters mean that more birds breed the year round, and since one doesn't want to hunt the birds when they have young, the hunting season is reduced," he added. Dam estimates that some farmers have lost up to 30 percent of their crops due to birds.

Hurricane Aftermath

Residents of South Texas and northeastern Mexico battled plagues of tarantulas, snakes and fire ants that were forced from their habitats by floodwaters in the wake of Hurricane Dolly. "You don't want to wade in this water," Texas Health Services Commissioner David Lakey told residents in the Rio Grande Valley. The storm broke all-time rainfall records as it drifted for days along the Mexico-Texas border. Officials estimate it could take six weeks for the low-lying region to completely dry out.

Pacific Cyclone

Typhoon Fung-Wong struck Taiwan as a Category-2 storm before later moving ashore on mainland China's Fujian province. Two people were killed and six others were injured by strong winds and pounding rain on Taiwan. At least 1,200 people were forced to evacuate their homes by the second such storm to strike the island within two weeks. On the Chinese mainland, Fung-Wong destroyed thousands of acres of crops and wrecked 110 homes.

Volcanoes

A portion of the dome of an eastern Caribbean volcano collapsed, sending a column of ash soaring 40,000 feet above the island of Montserrat. The collapse released a burst of blistering gases from within the Soufriere Hills volcano, but no one was injured from the volcano's latest blast. A 1997 eruption killed 19 people and prompted the relocation of many of Montserrat's residents.

• Two Alaskan volcanoes that roared back to life over the past three weeks continued to blow off steam. Infrared satellite sensors indicated that Okmok volcano had lava very near its summit, but cloud cover prevented clear views of either volcano.

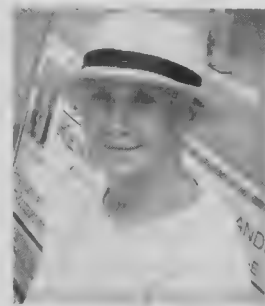
Baby Boom

Four giant panda cubs were born within 14 hours at the Chengdu Panda Breeding Research Center in China's Sichuan province. Officials said it was an extremely rare occurrence for the endangered animals. Xinhua reports 9-year-old Qiyuan ("Magic Luck" in Chinese) gave birth to a pair of female cubs within less than an hour late in the afternoon on July 26. Then, 8-year-old Chenggong ("Success" in Chinese) delivered two cubs early the following morning. Twelve panda twins were born in captivity in the country last year, the most since an artificial breeding program was established more than 40 years ago. There are only about 1,590 giant pandas living in the wild, mostly in Sichuan and the northwestern provinces of Shaanxi and Gansu. The Chengdu center currently has 71 in captivity.

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Have Your Say...
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We asked people in the Village of Haliburton, "What do you think about the rainy weather we've received this summer? How has it affected you this summer?"



Nina Rockett, Toronto — "I'm very disappointed. We seem to have rain or a storm every other day. I haven't been swimming as much. It's also disappointing for all our guests that seem to run into bad weather."



John Maceroni, Windsor — "Whenever I get the chance, I come up. I have friends with a cottage. We'll do work around the cottage, boating, fishing. With the weather, we play it by ear."



Peter Victor, Toronto — "I like it. I'm aware there's been a lot more rain this summer and I'm curious about whether that has something to do with the climate change. I'm from England where it rains a lot more than in Canada. It brings back some memories! But the two days I've been up, it's been nice. I also exercise my dogs in the rain. When it rains, most people don't like to go out, but I like to go out."

Neil MacLellan, Tecumseh — "It's ok. We're not real sunny type people. A little bit of cloud and sun is good for us. We like it. Unless it's pouring rain, we're still out swimming and hiking. If it's pouring, we'll just come into town to do some shopping, get some ice cream for the kids."



Roger Allinson, Markham — "Today is beautiful but this summer has been wet. I don't worry about it too much. It has caused it to be a little more buggy this year. I'm inside a bit more and have been doing some handyman stuff. I just did some repairs in the cottage. I think we notice less people up here too."



Pat Cissell, Mississauga — "We've had too much rain. It limits our ability to go out walking and to take the kids out to play in the water. We also have to mow the lawn more. The weather hasn't been a detriment to me coming up. We don't come into town because it's raining, so it doesn't increase the amount of money that we spend in town."

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Ann Southcombe From Gorillas To Squirrels

A Journey in Several Parts.

Terrance Gavan

Staff Reporter

Ann Southcombe says that she had to take a break from working with animals "to give her heart a rest."

It's a big heart. A huge heart. It's a heart that is giving. It's a heart that is whole.

It's a heart that encompasses a reach that at times has exceeded her grasp.

But a life worth living is often a life spent in pursuit of the unattainable.

"Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world," said Margaret Mead. Ann Southcombe uses that slice of Mead wisdom during the course of her presentation.

Ann Southcombe says that if you're not part of a solution, you may just be a part of the problem. She has nudged joy from despair and has been privy to many minor and major miracles. Animals respond to love. Animals see big hearts. Ann Southcombe's life bears testimony to the efficacy of those sentiments.

It's a life dedicated to the largely forgotten members of our planet. At the end of her talk and slideshow presentation entitled "A Kinship With Animals" Ann Southcombe posts another quote, this one from Mahatma Gandhi.

Long recognized as the great leveler, Gandhi is remembered as a humanitarian. Few recall that Gandhi's prepossessing gift was an intense and intrinsic connection to the world: a world that by his definition encompassed all living species. Gandhi regarded life as a gift. All life. On this point Gandhi was intransigent and uncompromising.

Respect for life extended beyond the mundane machinations of the plodding and pedantic human race. "The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated," is what Gandhi said.

On this point, Ann Southcombe and Gandhi are soul mates. Southcombe was on hand at R.D. Lawrence Place last Friday afternoon, and her presentation stirred both young and old members in the packed audience gathered for her presentation.

She divides her presentation into journeys. They form segments of her life. Journey One begins at the Cincinnati Zoo back in 1970. She came to the zoo by accident, only the second female hired by the zoo, but once there and installed as a full time keeper

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and caregiver, she was hooked. She had no prior training, but she had always maintained a special affinity with animals.

It was at the Cincinnati Zoo where Southcombe first realized that animals in a milieu of captivity needed more than food, drink and space. A "eureka" moment came while she was working with an intelligent baboon named Annie. Annie was well fed, had room to cavort, but something was missing.

"Animals get neurotic when there is no stimulation," says Southcombe. This is especially true in the case of the more intelligent primates. Annie was alone and she was showing signs of stress. Southcombe noticed a young fox in an adjoining pen, and almost on a whim, and with little regard for zoo policy, decided to open the door. The result? A bond formed between the fox and baboon, and it lasted long after the pair grew to adulthood. They entertained each other. Southcombe recognized in this tiny experiment that animals need stimulation and contact.

It was one of the small miracles that led Southcombe to some conclusions. "Animals need attention and they need love and care," says Southcombe.

Today, this is a principle known as enrichment. It's becoming a de rigueur complement to an animal's life in captivity. That and bigger, more friendly enclosures are some of the important changes being made to improve the quality of life for animals.

In 1978, Southcombe was offered a position working with the world-famous gorillas Koko and Michael. She worked with Francine

'Penny' Patterson, a researcher who is credited with teaching Koko over 2000 words in sign language. Southcombe was in charge of Michael's education for several years, an experience which further convinced her that stimulation and compassion are intrinsic to an animal's well being.

She moved from that project to work with Chantek an orangutan. Chantek has a vocabulary of several hundred signs, and understands both spoken English and American Sign Language. Southcombe says that during her tenure with Chantek, he learned to solve jigsaw puzzles (sometime taking bites out of the pieces to help them fit), signed for a Coke when he was thirsty, loved to go to the Dairy Queen and also proved to be very adept in complex and multi-task problem solving.

In 1986 she embarked on a project with the Amazon River Dolphins and that extended to work with several monkey species in Peru. She has worked with PAWS (Progressive Animal Welfare Society) helping to care for and rehabilitate animals used in movie productions. It's an organization that also offers care and solace for abused animals. It was here where she learned that humans can be indifferent to the suffering of animals. And because of that, we need to be educated. We need to be reminded that rights extend down a food chain. That morality extends to those lesser members of our living group.

She moved from PAWS to the Lowry Park Zoo in Tampa, again working in the primate department. She said that Lowry, like a lot of zoos today, regard enrichment as an intrinsic part of their animal welfare programs.

"Enrichment plays a big part of the animals lives at Lowry," says Southcombe. These are changes that Southcombe had a hand in bringing to fruition. Her work with animals has always included the personal touch. Not surprising then that she has always had an assortment of animals at her assortment of homes. "Some animals, who needed nightly care, I just brought home," laughs Southcombe.

She has, in the course of her journeys had Bobcats, Lynx, Chimps, a fox, an assortment of birds and various and sundry other species sharing her space as special and honored houseguests.

At every stop along her journey, Southcombe has formed bonds.

It's that part she finds hard. Leaving those friends behind. It's why, she says that she had to take a break. To give the heart a rest.

She is working on a book right now.

The book is titled From Gorillas to Squirrels - One Woman's Thirty Year Journey in Kinship with Animals, and it's on the publisher's desk.

Today she is on the road with her slideshow. She has roots here in Haliburton, her grandparents actually bought land and a cottage in the area back in the 1930s.

And as much as she tries to find some space, there is always another journey beckoning, just around the bend.

Today, she admits that she's involved again. In yet another project.

Another journey. This time she is blending her speaking schedule with work at a Rescue Ranch in Oregon. She is involved with wildlife rehabilitation. Her work runs the gamut of species from

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Local Artist's Work Showcased in the Toronto Star

Young Noelia Marziali Haliburton's Latest Celebrity

Tyson Farrell
Staff Reporter

Donald's Noelia Marziali became one of Haliburton's better known artists last week when an image of one of her paintings appeared in Saturday's Toronto Star. It was a high point in the 23-year-old's career, but she believes it's just the beginning.

Marziali was born in Montevideo, Uruguay to Uruguayan parents of 'Conquistador and Italian ancestry.' Her family left South America and moved to the Toronto when she was two years old. "We moved to the GTA," Marziali said. "And I was raised in its suburbs and public schools."

While in public school, Marziali didn't enjoy sports, so she decided to turn to art. "Sports simply weren't my thing. So I thought I'd better start doing art. I started drawing, and in high school I took every art class I could. I studied photography, sculpting, and art history. My parents hated Canadian winters, so we travelled often. When I was young we went to Spain, Morocco, Italy, Holland, New Zealand, Latin America.... and lots of other places. I was in love with art before I travelled, but when I went to other countries, art really came alive. I was able to see great art in person, instead of reading about it, or looking at pictures in a text book. You could smell the art, touch it, and even lick it. It was inspirational."

In her final year of high school Marziali was awarded a prestigious scholarship for the Academy of Art College in San Francisco. "I was given a full scholarship to study at the college for the summer. It was great. I didn't sleep all summer. I was taking as many courses as I could, because they were all paid for. San Francisco is a great city, with great culture and art. I got to see a huge gay pride parade, which was stellar."

After her summer in California returned to Canada and



"I was excited to see my work in the Star. A lot of eyes fall on those pages."



witnessed the famous Salt Spring riots, in which local residents chained themselves to logging trucks in protest of the mass deforestation. "I was friends with a lot of the rioters and protestors," Marziali said. "They're just a bunch of concerned hippies that want to protect their island and the environment."

Two years ago Marziali returned to Ontario. "I went to an art festival in Dorset and met Erin Lynch. She told me about the Art Hive in West Guilford, and Haliburton's Fleming College. Haliburton sounded like a nice area, so I decided to leave Toronto and move up here. I rented an apartment, joined the Art Hive, got a job at the Ethel Curry Gallery, and started

attending the college," Marziali said.

Marziali is currently living on the Drag River in Donald, where she works on her artwork. She shows her work in local galleries, the Art Hive, and the Newfangleds Art Festival. It was chance that landed her work in the Toronto Star. "I was

working at the Ethel Curry last week, and a reporter from the Star came in. He asked me if there was anywhere interesting he should go, so I suggested the Art Hive. So he went there, and he took some photographs of my art. A few days later I saw a short write up about the Art Hive in the Toronto Star. My name was in bold and there was a picture of one of my paintings," Marziali said. "I was excited to see my work in the Star. A lot of eyes fall on those pages."

According to Marziali, people have been coming into the Art Hive, saying they learned about the art co-operative in the Star.

Marziali has a busy summer ahead of her as she attempts to juggle her work, art, and college courses. She is also drawing portraits of people at events around the Highlands. As if she wasn't busy enough, she recently landed the lead role in Michael Fay's play *A River Needs to Run*. It may be a hectic summer for Marzeriali, but as she said, "It's the life of an artist."

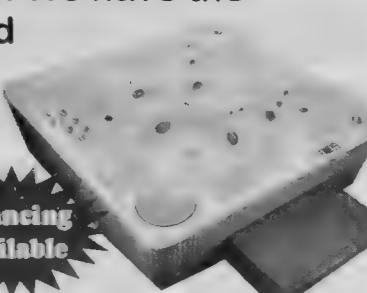


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bears, to wolves to eagles.

And the squirrels? Oh yes, Southcombe has discovered a special affinity for the small arboreal rodents.

It may have started with Wheezer, an injured squirrel that landed on her doorstep. Wheezer was six weeks old and was wheezing when the workers brought him in, fallen from a nest. She fed him with a syringe and so bad was his condition, that every day when she opened his box, she was surprised to see him still breathing, still hanging on to life. Wheezer had pizzazz. And the survival instinct of a wolverine.

Wheezer struggled through the rehab and one day when she opened the box, Wheezer popped out. Fully recovered except for a malformed jaw and some dental problems. Because of the problems Wheezer couldn't be released into the wild. "So I kept him," says Southcombe.

"I am a squirrel, in a human body," says Southcombe to the delight of several children in the RD Lawrence audience.

And they aren't the only ones enjoying the ride.

Ann Southcombe's story is compelling. Because in the end it's a story of compassion and of love.

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Death Trap: An Evening of Lively Fun and Deadly Games

Tyson Farrell
Staff Reporter

The Highlands Summer Festival premiered the play *Deathtrap*, by Ira Levin, last Monday at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. *Deathtrap* is the festival's third and final play of the summer. Performances have been selling out as hundreds have come to see the comedic thriller.

Deathtrap tells the story of Sidney Bruhl, a financially desperate playwright who hasn't written a hit play in years. To make Sidney's slump all the more painful, Clifford Anderson, a student of one of Sidney's writing seminars, has recently sent his mentor a copy of his first attempt at playwriting for Sidney's review and advice. The play, "Deathtrap," is a five character, two act thriller so perfect in its construction that, as Sidney says, "A gifted director couldn't even hurt it." Using his penchant for plot, and out of his desperate desire to once again be the toast of Broadway, Sidney, along with his wife Myra, cook up an almost unthinkable scheme: They'll lure the would-be playwright to the Bruhl home, kill him, and market the sure-fire script as Sidney's own. But shortly after Clifford arrives, it's clear that things are not what they seem. Even Helga Ten Dorp, a nosey psychic from next door, and Porter Milgram, Sidney's observant attorney, can only speculate where the line between truth and deception lies.

Deathtrap features a predominately local cast, with Brian Kipping as Sidney, Laura Paolini as Myra, Karen Frybort as Helga, and Tom Regina as Porter. The Summer Festival's only 'import actor' is Toronto's Len Silvini, who plays Clifford.

Deathtrap is directed by Ryerson University professor Marianne McIssac.

With the greatest number of lines, Kipping's Sidney was impressive, though it seemed as though his

One of the most impressive aspect's of *Deathtrap* is the set. The entire play occurs in the study of a renovated colonial stable in Westport, Connecticut. The walls of the study are adorned with a striking collection of antique weapons, including long bows, broadswords, battle axes, and maces. According to Summer Festival Producer David Mills, there is more than \$3,000 worth of antique weaponry on stage which came from various private collections across Ontario. The weaponry compliments the set, which includes a beautiful fieldstone fireplace, French doors, and even colonial beams. Set Designer David Adolphus deserves praise for his impressive creation.

The lighting was also well done, effectively setting the mood and adding to the suspense of the play. When something particularly treacherous was happening the lights would dim, forcing the audience to lean forward in their seats and pay rapt attention to the action on stage. When the audience

was literally on the edge of their seats, a sudden movement or sound would make them jump with fright. It was a very clever theatrical effect.

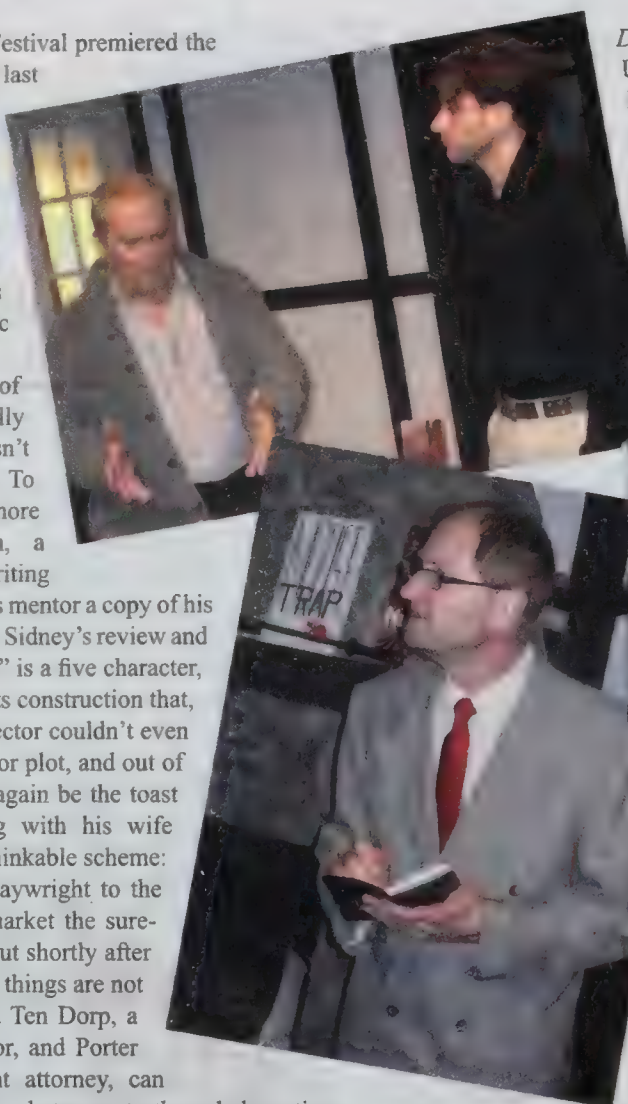
On occasion the actors did not speak loudly enough, and audience members strained to hear what was being said. This is a considerable problem, since *Deathtrap* has an intricate plot, and if spectators miss a few sentences they can easily become lost.

Deathtrap is a comedic, frightening, and thrilling play with many surprising twists and turns. It is a definite crowd pleaser and a fine addition to the Highland Summer Festival's repertoire. There will be two more performances, this Thursday, August 7th, and one more on Friday. To order tickets call the Festival box office at 457-9933.

portrayal of the characters should have been a little more sinister. Paolini's performance was wanting, presenting a somewhat unconvincing character. Her deliverance of some lines lacked emotional resonance, sounding as though she was reading them directly from the script. Perhaps the most well received performance was delivered by Frybort, who's Helga the audience laughing boisterously.

Ten Dorp had

The performance had some notable pacing problems, with the first 20 minutes dragging on. This initial slow pace caused audience interest levels to wane, but they rose in the second act when the pace picked up.



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Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Receives \$22,000 Grant Phase Two of Species at Risk Project Underway

Tyson Farrell
Staff Reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT), in partnership with The Land Between, just got \$22,030 richer. The two ecological preservation associations applied for an Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources grant in January, and their bid was successful. The money is being provided through the OMNR's Species at Risk Stewardship Fund, 2008-09. The money is for a new project entitled, "Species at Risk Ground Verification and Community Mobilization," which

began on July 11.

For this new project the biologist/consultant hired to do the work is Paul Heaven of Glenside Ecological Services. Glenside is a consulting firm based in the Highlands. Formed as a consortium of experienced field biologists, Glenside has a mandate to conduct studies in the field of wildlife ecology and to provide clients with consulting services. As part of this particular project, Heaven will go into the field to try to find and document rare and at risk species.

"The project focuses on trying to document the rich ecological diversity of Haliburton County, particularly with regard to Species at Risk (SAR). This documentation helps HHLT in our natural heritage planning for the County. Our first project identified the 12 SAR in the County and mapped potential suitable habitat for each species in the County. This was done using a variety of databases," said Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Chair Sheila Ziman.

"We applied for the grant in January, and it would have been nice to have had it in the spring, because we're looking for turtles, and they're most active then," Heaven said. "But I'm very glad we got the grant eventually. I've already been out in the field looking for the species at risk, and I've been fairly successful so far."

While in the field, Heaven will be looking for Milk snakes, Eastern Hog-nose snakes, Eastern Ribbonsnake, Five-lined Skinks, Wood Turtles, Spotted Turtles, Stinkpot, Blanding's Turtles, and American Ginseng. Heaven is encouraging anybody who spots one of these species to call him at 754-2532.



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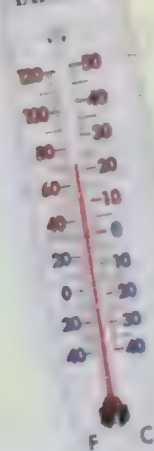




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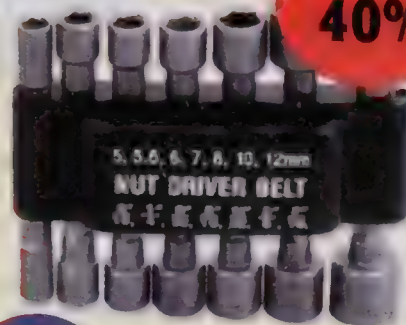


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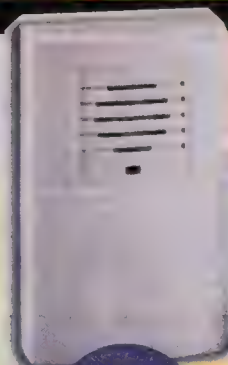
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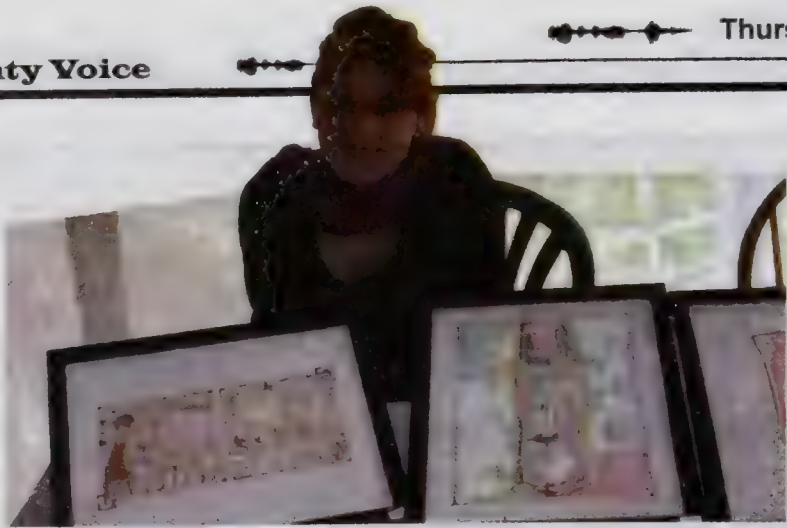
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Newfangers Art Festival Endures All Weather

There was a fair amount of rain this weekend, but it didn't dampen the spirits of those at the second annual Newfangers Art Festival. More than 30 artists under the age of 30 showcased their artistic creations which ranged from paintings, to glassware, to jewelry.

"I think that the festival was an absolute and total success," said Newfangers coordinator Tiffany Howe. "The artists were satisfied, and they showed excellent quality work. There wasn't a frowning face to be seen. Almost every artist sold at least one item," she said.

At the show there was a large white wedding tent which contained many art exhibits. There was also two stages outside of the tent for performances. There were musical performances by Haliburton's Jocelyn Regina, Dabe and his Good Buds, and James Pritchard.

One of the most popular events at the festival was the Ekdisis Fashion Show. Organized by 19 year-old Minden native Mhairi Treharne, more than a dozen local designers displayed their clothing. The fashion show had a metamorphosis theme, so some of the clothes had butterfly designers while others were reversible.

Wilberforce's Aaron King premiered his latest one act play at the festival. Titled *Life without Principle* the production was a dialogue between the good and evil in human nature. Dressed as a surgeon and covered in faux blood, Aaron played a mad medical practitioner.

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On Aug. 12, 1990, the largest Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton ever discovered is found near Faith, S.D. The 65-million-year-old specimen stood 13 feet high at the hips and 42 feet long from head to toe, with a 5-foot-long, 2,000-pound skull and 58 teeth, some as long as a human forearm.

On Aug. 13, 1899, Alfred Hitchcock is born, the son of a London poultry dealer and fruit importer. Hitchcock became a highly influential director of suspense and psychological thrillers in the 1940s and 1950s, and was known for sneaking his own cameo appearance into every film.

On Aug. 14, 1956, "Bus Stop," starring Marilyn Monroe, premieres in Atlantic City, N.J. The comedy, about a cowboy who falls for a saloon singer, provided Monroe with one of her finest comic roles.

On Aug. 15, 1914, the American-built waterway across the Isthmus of Panama, connecting the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, is inaugurated. In 1977, U.S. President Jimmy Carter signed a treaty to turn over the canal to Panama on Dec. 31, 1999.

On Aug. 16, 1948, baseball legend George Herman "Babe" Ruth dies from cancer in New York City. At a time when baseball was suffering through the disgrace of scandal, Ruth almost single-handedly salvaged the sport's popularity, hitting a record 60 home runs in the 1927 season and leading the Yankees to seven pennants.

On Aug. 17, 1978, the Double Eagle II completes the first trans-Atlantic balloon flight when it lands in a barley field near Paris, 137 hours after lifting off from Presque Isle, Maine. Over southern England, the wives of the three pilots flew close enough to the balloon in a private plane to blow kisses to their husbands.

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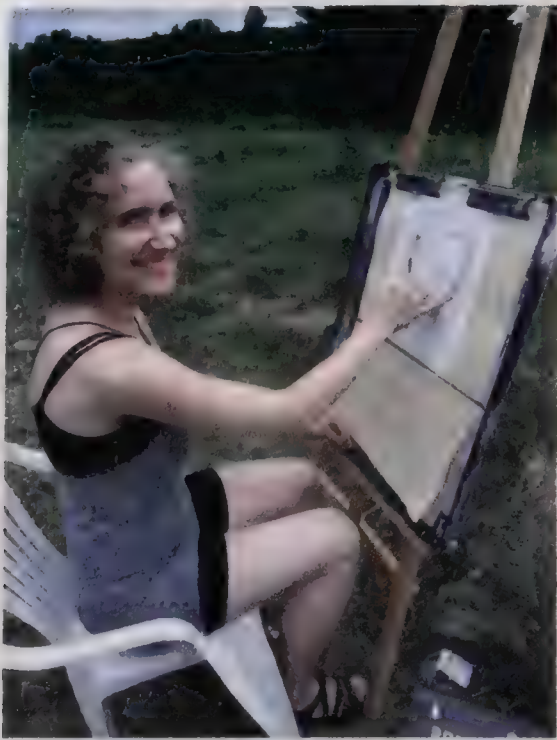


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Aaron's brother Chris acted in the play, dressed in black and wearing a white mask. Aaron's character argued that human nature was basically bad, while Chris's character used the writings of Thoreau to argue that there was good in humanity. The play was well received by the audience, though the occasional plane flying overhead made some of the lines difficult to hear. As with King's previous plays, *Life without Principle* was cleverly written and very thought provoking.

Located north of Minden at 1123 Dennison Rd, off Horseshoe Lake Rd, the festival had a beautiful farm field setting. Despite its beauty, the location was a detriment to the festival. It is so far down back roads that it was difficult to find, and there was virtually no possibility of 'walk by' traffic. Even if somebody was looking for the festival it was hard to find. There was very little signage to point people in the right direction. Still, 400 people attended the show. ■



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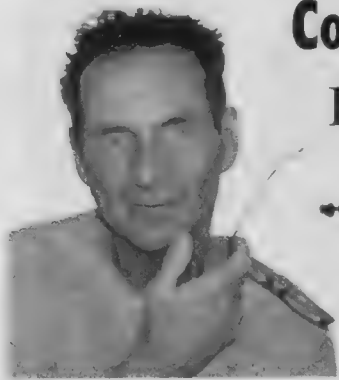
Council is intending to call a public meeting for September 20th - 10am at the Dorset Recreation Centre located in the Hamlet of Dorset. At that time they will present the case for the proposed crosswind runway at Stanhope/County Airport.

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Beijing Smog Has Participants and Officials Running Scared

Terrance Gavan

Sports Editor

Some members of the Canadian Olympic Team have been issued state-of-the-art surgical masks which they will not be wearing as they step off the plane in Beijing. Some fear the Chinese people would see it as an insult.

Health experts would tell them to don the masks and forget the niceties.

Scientists maintain that air quality will play a stifling role as the Beijing Olympic Games clamber, climb and crawl through the dog days of August.

The pictures of smog surrounding the several Olympic Venues in the center of Beijing are, quite frankly, scary.

One of the toughest quasi-protests is being waged by the Australian team, who recently bestowed carte blanche exclusivity to any of their athletes wishing to withdraw from any of their scheduled events. They can withdraw unilaterally if they feel that competing might jeopardize their health.

Australian deputy chef de mission Peter Montgomery last week said the Australian Olympic Committee would not stand in the way of Aussie athletes withdrawing because of smog concerns. But, most of the Australian athletes said they would simply cope with the conditions.

Canadian athletes have vowed to do the same. That's four years of training talking. That's a life of dedication to a sport talking. Common sense and wind sprints don't jive, when placed against crystal glare shining tantalizingly above an Olympic dais.

The athletes will cope and they will soldier on, wheezing, hacking and coughing ... but they will move on, over and

through the heavy detritus piled on this city of smoke and mirrors.

Here's what one Australian news source had to say about the situation early this week.

"Just three days from the Opening Ceremony, Beijing's air is clogged with lethal smog 26 times the average Sydney day. The smog was so intense it penetrated the Aquatic Centre - or Water Cube - prompting calls for an investigation by the Australian swimming team. Tests on the atmosphere inside the Olympic Green, and within 500-meters of the Games track and field and swimming facilities, show pollution has soared in the past 24 hours to levels equivalent of a bushfire."

Here's what we think about that scary slice of news.

Have you ever been in the middle of a raging bush fire? I covered a major fire once in the Manitoba Interlake. I spent just two days in the maelstrom. Three weeks later, I was still coughing waking up in the middle of the night with hacking fits and aching spasms.

If I could run a 3:30.1 in the 1500 I would still be thinking twice about competing in Beijing. Alas I cannot, but I have come to know three Canadian Olympians. And I know that all three would say the same thing. "Go ... play ... suck it up ... and worry about the consequences down the road."

Pollution experts said earlier this week that it was a case of when - not if - athletes broke down under the conditions. Some experts are warning that more serious consequences, up to and including death were possible in the extreme smog that descended on Beijing this past week.

"You have a cocktail of conditions that add up to extreme stress on the athlete," said Murdoch University associate professor Peter Dingle. "With these readings you are talking more than 20 times a high index day in Sydney or Melbourne and 10 times the most extreme pollution day (in Sydney or Melbourne). On those days back home asthmatics are told to stay inside. When you add

the elements of heat, humidity and athletes pushing themselves to the brink, it is quite possible an athlete will die during these Olympics."

Dingle went on to say that such extreme smog readings in any other country would likely force the postponement of a sporting event. But he said "political factors" would make that unlikely at the Beijing Olympics. "Politically they just won't reschedule events - it would be a humiliation for Beijing," said Dingle. "But from a health and safety perspective, organizers, coaches and administrators do have a duty of care to ensure their athletes are not put at risk. It won't so much affect the sprinters but for middle distance and long distance athletes there is a big risk. Certainly if we were in Australia endurance events would be put off."

As mentioned up front, teams have been issued masks, but a lot of athletes are too polite to wear them. Ironically, a number of athletes don't want to offend their hosts. Erinn Smart, a fencer on the U.S. team said, "I have bad allergies, so I started to cough because of the bad air out there. Then someone mentioned to me, 'Hey, why don't you just put on your mask?' But I didn't want people to see me wearing it and say, 'Why is she wearing that?'"

While Olympic organizers had promised blue skies for the Olympics, many teams have planned for the worst. To filter out the polluted air, they issued the specially designed masks. Convincing athletes to wear those masks is another task altogether.

"It's been like, 'Who's going to start the trend of wearing that mask?'" Smart said. "No one wants to be the first."

Athletes like Smart know that they are ambassadors for their sport and by extension for their country. Most of the athletes are just like Smart. They are genuine in their regard for their hosts.

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Sports Commentary

River Kings Short on Numbers for Tryouts

Terrance Gavan

Sports Editor

Minden River Kings Junior A hockey club expected about 30 players for their inaugural tryout camp.

Unfortunately, only five skaters and three goalies made the trek to Minden's SG Nesbitt Arena for what turned into an ad hoc training session last Saturday and Sunday.

Head coach Mike Jeschke and assistant Brooks Robinson held a couple of practice skates with the attending players on Saturday morning and afternoon, and held an early morning session on Sunday.

"Yes, it was a little disappointing, because 28 players signed on and paid for the camp," said Jeschke.

Jeschke said that some of the players who had committed to the camp may have fallen prey to higher travel costs involved in coming from the US, and others may have found other places to play. But Jeschke added that another factor might be coming into play as players assess options of playing in the Greater Metro Junior A Hockey League [GMHL].

Specifically, the looming specter of Hockey Canada, an overarching, sometimes myopic and always influential organization, which has taken umbrage of late over the Greater Metro Junior A Hockey League's existence. The GMHL is considered a "renegade" league because it eschews any affiliation with Hockey Canada.

It should be noted here that the GMHL, and BC's Western Hockey Association (WHA) Junior Hockey League were formed specifically to bulwark against the patriarchal meanderings of Hockey Canada. Hockey Canada has used its influence to control every aspect of hockey development in Canada. Like most national sports bodies, it has its share of detractors. Like all national sports organizations, Hockey Canada falls prey to the usual set piece list of complaints. Claims of nepotism, totalitarian practices, clash of ethics, moral dilemmas, lack of vision, and a my-way-or-highway, Microsoft monopolist mindset. What can't be denied is Hockey Canada's assertive and paternalistic consolidation of hockey in Canada. If Lord Acton was right ("power corrupts ... absolute power corrupts absolutely") then consolidated hegemony always comes with attendant baggage.

In 1968, the federal government formed Hockey Canada to oversee all operations of ice hockey in Canada, including amateur, university and professional leagues. The new

Hockey Canada Self-Serving in Attempts to Stymie Rivals

organization became responsible for international ice hockey team selection, including Olympic and World Championships, but did not govern ice hockey play within Canada. This changed in July 1994 when Hockey Canada merged with the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association. Since that time, Hockey Canada has used its entrenched dominion to assert itself into every nook and cranny of hockey in Canada.

The Peter Principle takes over wherever bureaucracy gains a foothold. The Peter Principle is a cute little aphorism, which states that, "In a hierarchy every employee tends to rise to his/her level of incompetence." "Nudge, nudge, wink, wink, say no more ... say no more," is how Monty Python might locate Hockey Canada's contributions to the arguments regarding the efficacy of the Peter Principle.

Hockey Canada's complaints against independent hockey usually revolve around the fact that they don't participate in Hockey Canada's insurance policies. There is also an assumption by the mandarins over at HC that coaching by non-affiliates, because it does not correspond with Hockey Canada's stringent guidelines, is substandard. Finally, Hockey Canada feels that both the GMHL and the WHA are in direct competition with their program for a slice of the considerable hockey pie and this is deemed unacceptable to upper echelon bureaucrats, who feel that such upstarts should be quashed with extreme prejudice.

Hockey Canada has placed sanctions to be used against any young player who returns from independent hockey to a Hockey Canada sanctioned league. This includes a blackball suspension (one year) against any player involved with independent leagues. Hockey Canada also says it will not sanction children's tournaments in towns that rent ice to these two junior leagues. Such posturing would seem to be beneath Hockey Canada. But do a little research and you will find just how far these petty hierarchies will go to ostracize and subjugate. It happens in swimming, tennis, cycling, alpine skiing, diving et al, ad nauseum.

Never mind that both blackballing and sanctioning of

community rinks could be challenged with existing anti-trust legislation. Never mind that sanctions against independent leagues flies in the face of competitive enterprise and the entrepreneurial spirit. Never mind that this is still a free country. The problem with Hockey Canada and other amateur sports bodies is a presumption of omnipotence. It's doubtful that Hockey Canada will follow through on these threats. Preening and posturing is part and parcel of petty bourgeois pandering. Hockey Canada deals from a position of power and they deal in fear. It's the currency of the despot.

By way of comparison, USA Hockey does not interfere with independent leagues. It maintains a live-and-let-live philosophy. Also, teams from the GMHL are permitted to play in USA Hockey sanctioned junior tournaments. Bob Russell, GMHL founder and president (and a co-owner of the Minden River Kings) started the league in part as a reaction against Hockey Canada and practices that he deemed were detrimental to a community-based and player development template. There is a growing presumption that Hockey Canada is leaning toward an elitist blueprint in player development in spite of high-handed mission statements and the rhetoric of peace, love and sportsmanship.

Russell, it should be remembered, got his start as a player in another upstart league. He played for the World Hockey Association's Edmonton Oilers from 1975 to 1977. He played his junior hockey with the Sudbury Wolves, in the days when junior hockey was truly a community-based enterprise. He started the GMHL not on a whim, but out of a real dissatisfaction with Hockey Canada. He will talk about his experiences with Hockey Canada in general terms but he prefers to take the high road in any discussions about the

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They don't wish to offend.

I have heard Canadian athletes on the record stating that they would not wear the masks.

And so, if the Australian scientist is right and if certain athletes are actually at risk, this could go down as the first Olympics where "politeness" could be entered as a contributing COD (Cause of Death) in a coroners report. The primary cause, of course, would go to "Strangling Smog" and complications from quick onset black lung.

Beijing has vowed to remove cars from the roads and close factories for the duration of the games. It's the one time that access to stringent totalitarian measures and the looming presence of an overarching and abusive regime can be viewed as a bonus.

It begs the question.

Where was the International Olympic Committee (IOC) all these years leading up to the Olympics?

This air quality issue is not new.

As well, China has broken every promise it ever made regarding human rights and progressive policies. It continues to flaunt trade with the brutal regime in Darfur. Personal rights and freedoms continue to languish.

All of these rights violations and corrupt practices wielded and indeed celebrated by this dictatorial and oppressive regime are in direct contravention to promises made to the IOC when China was awarded the games in 2001.

China has been blowing smoke up the IOC's backside for seven years during the massive buildup to the opening of the Beijing Games on Friday.

Sadly most of that smoke still lingers, deadly and stifling, on the streets, on the water, on the track, and in the pools.

Unfortunately, the athletes will once again bear the brunt, as they cough, wheeze and sputter their way to a podium.

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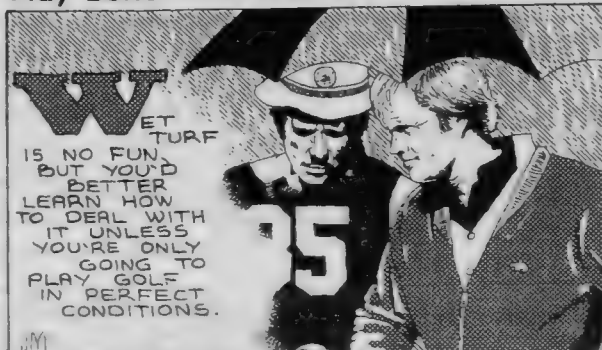
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Horoscopes

It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a wonderful sense of who you are. You are a shining example to others, helping them believe in themselves and what they can do.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) There might still be some uncertainty about the decision you made. But a quick check of the facts should reassure you that you're doing the right thing.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The tidy Taurean needs to be a little more flexible about accepting some changes to those carefully made plans. You might be pleasantly surprised by what follows.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Consider stepping away from your concentrated focus on your new project for a bit so you can get some perspective on what you've done and where you plan to take it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The understandably angry Crab might not want to accept the reason why someone might have tried to hurt you. But at least you'll have an insight into why it happened.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) There might be some facts you still need to know before leaping onto center stage. Best to move carefully at this time so that you can observe what's happening around you.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) It's a good time to expand your outlook by getting out and around, whether you do some long-range traveling or just explore the great things to see closer to home.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your wise counsel continues to be needed as that family situation works itself out. Meanwhile, the decisions you made on your job begin to pay off quite nicely.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your job situation brightens thanks to all your hard work. Now, spend some time repairing a personal relationship you might have neglected for too long.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Aspects favor action in the workplace. Line up your facts and show your superiors why you're the one they're looking for.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your hard work pays off on the job. Personal relationships can also benefit from more of your time and attention. Spend the weekend with loved ones.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Early feedback on your project might be disappointing. But don't be discouraged. Use it to make needed adjustments, then submit it to your superiors again.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Flattery could lure the otherwise sensible Fish into making an unwise decision. Be careful. All that praise might be an attempt to reel you in before you can learn the facts.

Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

SISTER CAN'T KNIT TOGETHER FAMILY TORN BY ITS HISTORY

DEAR ABBY: My half-brother, "Jace," and I had a complicated childhood. My father had an explosive temper and a disdain for children in general. He was abusive, and our mentally ill mother was absent during his rages. I had my share of abuse, but it was nothing compared to how Jace was treated. His biological father lived in another state and rarely made contact, and my father never formally adopted him. It left Jace with profound feelings of abandonment. My parents are finally divorced now. Afterward, Dad's behavior toward me changed dramatically. He's no longer abusive and is even fun to be around. However, he still maintains a palpable distance from Jace. Jace is an exceptional person with an outgoing personality and a zest for life. He has two beautiful children and one more on the way. Dad has seen the oldest only once, and that was after I begged him for months to visit. It saddens me, and I end up overcompensating by spoiling Jace's kids with gifts, even though I live 2,000 miles away. I know I can't make Dad be a part of Jace's life, but he's the only father Jace has ever known. Is there any way to open Dad's eyes? If not, how can I fill the gap? — **SADDENED SISTER IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR SISTER: Regardless of how your father's attitude toward you has changed, he will never get my vote for Father of the Year. That he took out his frustrations on you and your brother is despicable. He never accepted Jace, and from the time he married your mother considered her son to be excess baggage -- nothing more. You cannot force open the eyes of someone whose heart is closed, so quit trying. You already do more than your share to "fill the gap" as a loving aunt, but understand that Jace's children will never miss what they have never known. Fortunately, your brother seems to be emotionally resilient. It appears he has gone on with his life. He is married and is building a new family, which may help him heal the abuse he suffered as a young man. However, if he cannot let go of his feelings of abandonment, he should consult a licensed psychotherapist because it may take professional help to put his past to rest.

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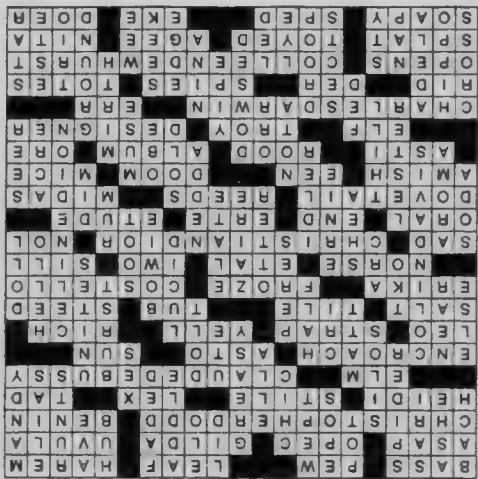
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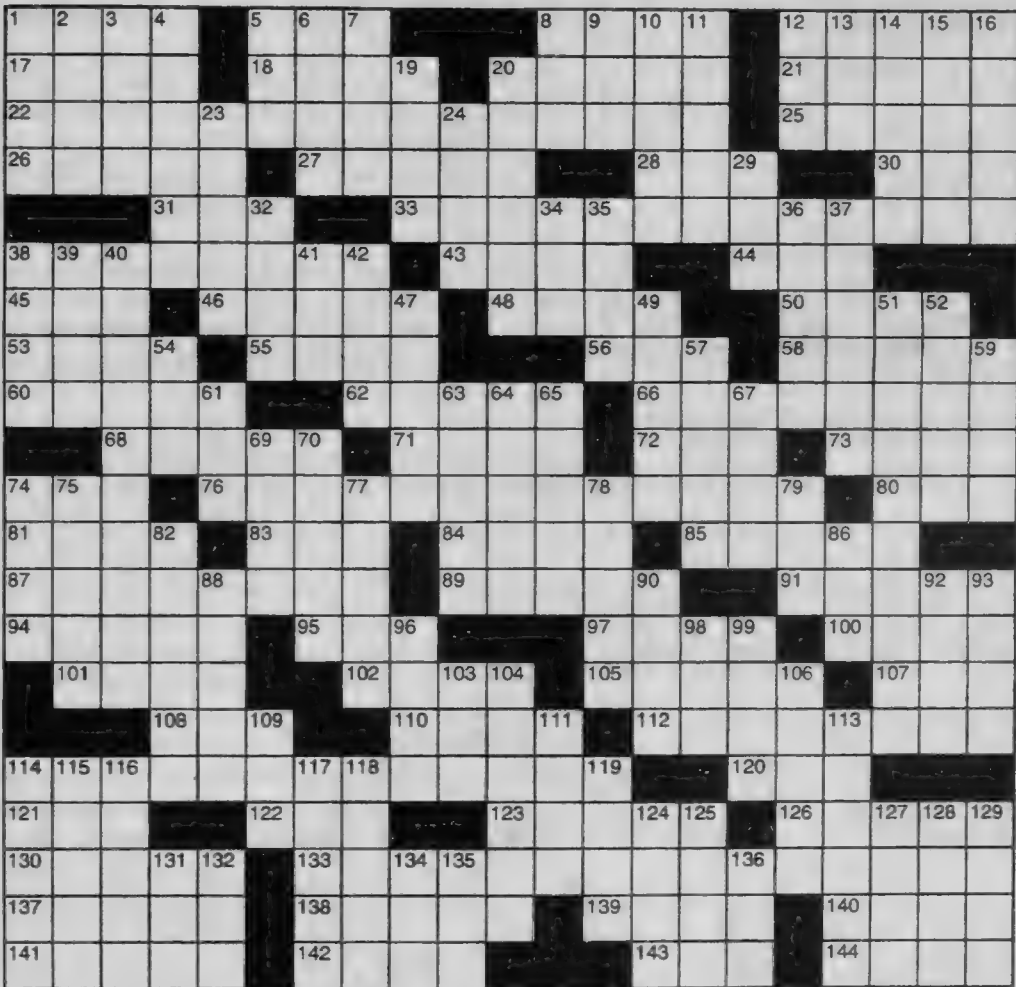


"Saaay... nice jacket, Bill. Where in the Sam Hill did you pick that up?"

Crossword Answers



- ACROSS**
- 1 Pinza or Challapin
5 Basilica
8 Page
12 — pants
17 Relative of PDQ
18 Crude cartel
20 Comic Radner
21 It's down in the mouth
22 Connecticut senator
25 Cotonou's country
26 Swiss miss
27 Rustic sight
28 Villainous Luther
30 Bit
31 "Nightmare" street
33 "Pelleas et Melisande" composer
38 Intrude
43 About
44 Sky light
45 August one
46 Watchband
48 Say "Hey!"
50 Drummer Buddy
53 Cold-war accord
55 Scramble piece
56 Ring site
58 Hero's horse
- 60 Actress Slezak
62 Stopped in one's tracks
66 Singer Elvis
68 Scandinavian
71 Handy bit of Latin
72 — Jima
73 Window part
74 "Eyes" ('79 hit)
76 "New Look" couturier
80 Cambodia's Lon
81 Articulated
83 Gridiron position
84 Art deco name
85 Clementi composition
87 Fit neatly
89 Philharmonic section
91 He had a gilt complex
94 Pennsylvania sect
95 Velvet finish
97 Tragic fate
100 They squeak for themselves
101 Vino center
102 Crucifix
105 Photo book
107 Trams
108 Subordinate
110 Football's Aikman
- 112 Architect, for instance
114 "The Descent of Man" author
120 Fumble
121 Empty (of)
122 Wagner's
- 4 Miss Muffet's nemesis
5 Word with cheese or roast
6 Homer's field
7 Bawled
8 Cover
9 "Evil Woman" rockers
10 Confuse
11 Lost luster
12 Wheel part
13 "Hi, Horace!"
14 Puniest pups
15 Inventor Howe
16 Actor Patinkin
19 Stylish
20 Bathed in butter
23 Corn holders
24 Actress Joyce
29 Makes one's mark
32 Swimmer Biondi
34 Multi-purpose vehicle
35 Lamebrain
36 Pop
37 Joins forces
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39 Around the corner
- 40 Covent Garden conductor
41 Dernier
42 Grapefruit serving
47 Shimon of Israel
49 Clear
51 "The Power of Love" singer
52 Opening remark
54 Tyson stat
57 Crockett colleague
59 TV's "My Living"
61 Eyebrow shape
63 Aquatic mammal
64 Former African nation
65 Bring bliss
67 Santa's problem
69 Mets' milieu
70 Singer Maresca
74 Fountain order
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SPORTS QUIZ

By Chris Richcreek

1. Ty Cobb was the first player to hit a home run in the majors both as a teen and in his 40s. Who was the second to do it?
2. In 2007, Clay Buchholz tossed a no-hitter in his second major-league start. Who was the last pitcher to do it in his second start?
3. The SEC has won three of the past five BCS football championships. Which conferences have captured the other two?
4. Who was the last winner of the NBA's Sixth Man Award to lead his team in points per game that season before Manu Ginobili did it for San Antonio in 2007-08?
5. How many consecutive Olympic U.S. men's hockey teams have been captained by Chris Chelios?
6. Which school has won more NCAA men's lacrosse titles -- Johns Hopkins or Syracuse?
7. True or false: All three heavyweight title fights between boxers Floyd Patterson and Ingemar Johansson ended in either a KO or TKO.

- Answers
1. Rusty Staub in 1963 and 1984.
 2. Wilson Alvarez, for the Chicago White Sox in 1991 against Baltimore.
 3. Pac-10 (Southern Cal in the 2004 season) and Big 12 (Texas in the 2005 season).
 4. Ricky Pierce averaged 23 points per game for Milwaukee in 1989-90.
 5. Three (1998, 2002, 2006).
 6. Syracuse has won 10 titles (although one was later vacated by the NCAA) and Johns Hopkins has won nine.
 7. True. Patterson won two of the three bouts.

The Junior Fair Day Camp - A Free Programme for Kids!

The Haliburton County Fair is eager to begin their second year of the Junior Fair Day Camp. The camp allows children to make arts and crafts and enter them into exhibits and competitions in the Agricultural Fair. It's a great way to encourage artistic abilities and have fun. Best of all, the camp is absolutely free.

The Camp runs on August 11 and 12, from 10 am to noon, and again from 1pm to 3pm. "Snacks and drinks are provided for the children, but parents need to pick their kids up during lunch hour," said Fair director Diane Dollo. "It's a fully supervised environment, so parents can drop their kids off. However, if they want to stay, we always welcome the extra help."

The camp is located at the Minden Fair Grounds in the Quonset hut exhibit building. "There are lots of different activities for the kids to enjoy. They can decorate apples, make flower arrangements, design screen savers for computers, or create artistic designs for CD cases. Those are just a few of the things they can make. All of the materials are free." The camp is open to boys and girls, pre-school to grade eight.

"After the children have completed their creations, the crafts are entered into the Fair exhibits. They are then presented for judging the weekend of the fair, which is August 15 and 16," Dollo said. "The camp enables children to be creative, and make crafts they usually couldn't. It's a great programme."

The Junior Fair Day Camp was a great success last year, with many children participating. Dollo hopes that it will be even better this time around. "It's a lot of fun," she said. "And I'm sure we'll get a good turnout." To register for the camp, you can reach Dianne Dollo at 286-2342 or Ila Kellet at 286-3905. ■

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national sanctioning body. Good for Bob Russell.

But Hockey Canada remains the elephant in the dressing room. They are the de facto sports governing body for hockey in Canada.

Russell knows it and Jeschke knows it.

"I think that some of the younger players in the area might be wondering about Hockey Canada and where the GMHL stands, and some want to be sure of exactly what's going on for players who play in this league," said Jeschke last Sunday.

And Jeschke also notes, quite correctly, that summer hockey leagues and a number of summer hockey camps are not affiliated with Hockey Canada, and yet Hockey Canada does not indulge in the same active campaign against those entities.

The difference? Summer hockey leagues and hockey schools are not directly competing for funds and talent. Jeschke and Russell are not all that concerned about the Hockey Canada posturing.

After all, Russell made it clear when he started the league back in 2006 that he was building a template for a developmental league, drawing from a pool of available US, Canadian and European players who basically wanted to play a few years of competitive hockey with an eye toward landing a position on an American college Division I, II, or III program. Indeed, many GMHL players have already moved on to land scholarships at U.S. colleges and universities.

"I think that's important," says Jeschke. "USA Hockey doesn't care about our non-

affiliation with Hockey Canada."

At the same time, Jeschke said that he was disappointed that more local players didn't take advantage of the camp last weekend.

However, he says that by the end of this week the River Kings should have 21 players signed to firm commitments. "We're filling the roster up and by Friday we should have pretty close to a full roster (26 players)," said Jeschke.

Paddy Manuge and Alex Monk-Cray are two local goalies who did participate in the two-day camp last weekend. Jeschke was happy with their play in scrimmages and drills.

Robert Randles from Houston, Texas joined them. Randles is a goalie with a lot of promise and Jeschke has him signed to a commitment with the River Kings. Jeremy Scheafer, another goaltender signed out of Coral Gables, Florida did not make it to the weekend tilt, but will be reporting for camp during the first week of September.

Jeschke said that a scouting junket down to Boston and the Chowder Cup tournament two weeks ago resulted in the signing of Slovakian defenseman Peter Kravik. Jeschke added that he is in negotiations with two or three other players who competed in the Chowder Cup tourney. "We're still talking to them, but so far Kravik is the only guy to sign," said Jeschke.

Kinmount's Tyler Crego, Whitby's Tyler Wright (who cottages in the Highlands), and Gooderham's Devin Hunter highlight some of the local players already committed to the September training camp.

Jeschke said he should have a firm grasp on roster commitments by the end of this week. He said he would make the names available to the public by the weekend. The Voice will have a detailed roster available for next week's edition.

Training camp will begin right after Labor Day as players arrive. They will begin running two-a-days at SG Nesbitt for the five days prior to the season opener in Gravenhurst on September 13th. Home Opener is against the Brock Bucks on Sunday September 14th at Minden Arena at 6 pm. ■



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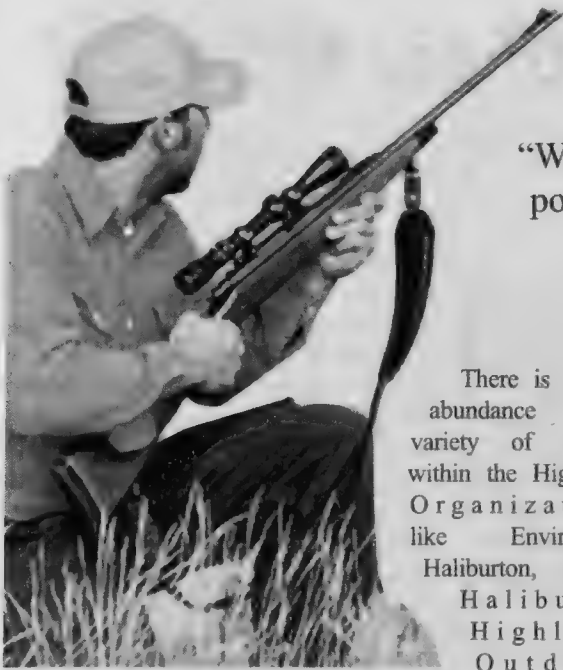
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Poaching in Haliburton County

"We should look at why people poach. Is it for food or for profit? If people are poaching because they need the food, then we should address the problem of poverty and income distribution rather than criminalize the poor."

Tyson Farrell
Staff Reporter

There is a great abundance and variety of wildlife within the Highlands. Organizations like Environment Haliburton, the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association,

and the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) work tirelessly to protect it, but there are some people that work against them. These people are poachers, illegal hunters that roam the Highland wilderness, unlawfully stealing and killing precious wildlife.

Poaching is formally defined by the MNR as the illegal taking of fish or wildlife. Poaching can include any of five factors: time, location, number, method, or species.

Poaching could be a violation of a time period when fish or wildlife may not be legally taken or possessed. Examples are fishing or hunting before a season opens or after a season closes, or hunting more than 30 minutes before sunrise or 30 minutes after sunset.

A violation involving an illegal location would include hunting in a refuge or park, fishing in a sanctuary, or taking an animal from the wrong management unit.

Poaching by illegal method usually involves some type of illegal equipment or device. Catching fish in a fish trap, shooting deer at night with the aid of a spotlight, or shooting ducks that are attracted by bait are all examples of illegal methods and poaching.

The wildlife species that may be legally hunted have been defined and are regulated through special open seasons. Taking any protected wildlife species, such as a bird of prey or songbird, is illegal and considered poaching.

Wildlife biologist Paul Heaven works with Glenside Ecological Services. He is currently researching endangered species habitats within Haliburton County. Unfortunately, poaching has a profound impact on his work. "American Ginseng is a plant that grows in Haliburton County, and its population is diminishing, partially due to poaching," Heaven said. "The plant is used to produce medicines, and is legally grown on farms. Despite this, people continue to poach it in the wilderness. There used to be far more ginseng in Haliburton, but poaching has helped its decline." On the black market, a pound of wild ginseng root can fetch \$350.

According to Heaven, amphibians and reptiles in the Highlands are also victims of poaching. "Blanding turtles, milk snakes, hog nosed snakes, and five lined skinks are all poached. People capture them and sell them in the pet industry. Turtles are captured in the Highlands, and sold in other countries as pets. This, of course, isn't legal."

A significant portion of Algonquin Park lies within the borders of Haliburton County. For 115 years Algonquin has been a sanctuary for wildlife, where plants and animals are protected by park rangers. However, as long as Algonquin has existed there have been poachers exploiting its wildlife. "There were poachers here long before I arrived," said Algonquin Park Superintendent John

Winters. "And there will be poachers in the Park long after I'm gone."

"There are about 10 to 20 charges laid each year for hunting illegally within the park," Winters said. "There is an abundance of moose and trout, so some people try to poach them. But we have controlled points of access into the park, which makes it difficult for poachers. Conservation officers also protect the wildlife. It's different in other parts of Haliburton County where someone can jump in their truck and drive a kilometre down the road and illegally kill a moose. There are a lot of dead end roads in Haliburton that people can drive down to poach animals. We don't have those in the park."

Carolynn Coburn is the director and treasurer of Environment Haliburton! She has a somewhat different perspective on poaching. "Environment Haliburton! is very concerned about the decline in the populations of some species here in Haliburton County. Poachers make the problem worse for those species," she said. "As for species that seem to be abundant, the regulations provide a level playing field for everyone who wants to hunt. If the regulations are not effective, then they should be changed, not ignored. But we should look at why people poach. Is it for food or for profit? If people are poaching because they need the food, then we should address the problem of poverty and income distribution rather than criminalize the poor."

There are few organizations that are as directly involved with local wildlife as the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA). Since its creation in 1992, the association has sought to promote hunting and fishing, improve wildlife and fish habitats, and conserve natural resources. As president of the HHOA, Keith Hodgson knows a great deal about poaching. "There used to be a lot more poaching in the Highlands 20 years ago. People would shoot deer and moose because they needed the food. Nowadays, the fines are so big that people can't afford to take the risk. You can get fined as much as \$8,000. It's pretty expensive if you get caught."

"When it comes to big game, deer aren't poached too often. There are so many of them that it's easy to get them in season. On the other hand, there are a lot fewer moose and it's harder to get them in season. As a result, they are sometimes hunted illegally," Hodgson said. "There aren't a lot of wildfowl hunters up here anymore, but some people continue to bait them, which is certainly illegal."

Although Hodgson appreciates the MNR, he believes that they should do more to prevent poaching. "It's hard to enforce anti poaching laws. The MNR method is basically complaint oriented. They're not out in the field looking for poachers or violations. This leaves the Highlands wide open to poachers."



Hodgson believes that many Highlanders are involved in poaching, and they don't even realize it. "When a bear starts coming around a property, the owner gets scared, and they shoot the bear. Well if you shoot a problem bear, you need to report it to the MNR. If you don't, you've illegally killed a bear, and that's poaching. The MNR realizes this is happening, but they turn a blind eye to it. The MNR is alright with it. They don't have the resources to take care of the problem bears. So when a problem bear is shot, it's usually illegal, and the bear is just buried and left to rot. It's a terrible waste. These bears are usually attracted by garbage. In my opinion, if you leave your garbage outside, and shoot a bear that comes to eat it, that's no different than baiting the bear, waiting for it to come, and shooting it."

The black bear might be most profitable animal to poach within the Highlands is. Bear gall bladders are sought after for use in traditional Asian medicine. The black market value of bear galls can range from \$2000 to \$10,000 each. The weight of a bear gall varies between 15 and 130 grams. Canada has the largest remaining black bear habitat in the world, a large percentage of which live in Ontario. The illegal trade in bear parts is creating growing pressure on the population of this species.

"There are a lot of bears that are just shot and dumped. It's poaching," Hodgson said. "But that's just the bears. Many different species are poached in the Highlands."

Poaching often happens down the back roads and in the deep forests of the Highlands. Because of its location, poaching is not always a visible crime. To many, it may be 'out of sight out and of mind.' However, it is a serious environmental crime that deserves particular attention. Everybody in the county has the responsibility to protect our natural resources and prevent poaching. If we don't, we may soon find ourselves in a very dismal environmental situation. ■



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Local Hockey Prodigy Picked for Canada's Under 18 Squad

Duchene on His Way to Slovakia and Ivan Hlinka Tournament

Last Thursday Haliburton's Matt Duchene - with a little help from his mother Chris - was busy packing for a national team selection camp in Calgary. Matt

has always given a lot of credit and thanks to his mom Chris and dad Vince for their support throughout his hockey career.

Packing is just another of the mundane chores forgotten midst the glare and glam of hockey's globe-hopping lifestyle.

The suitcase caper last Thursday night required some deft planning, because the forty young Canadian players chosen to attend the annual National Under-18 August selection camp were told to pack not only for the three-day camp in Calgary, but also for the possibility of an extended junket to the Memorial of Ivan Hlinka Under-18 World Tournament in Slovakia and the Czech Republic.

"They told Matt to pack for the possibility of a three week trip, so that's what we'll be doing tonight" laughed Chris Duchene, who was helping to organize some essentials while Matt was completing his daily dryland workout in Haliburton last Thursday afternoon.

Well, to almost no one's surprise, Duchene was selected late Tuesday afternoon to join 21 other players for the annual August junket to Slovakia.

Highlighting the 40-player roster were four players - Duchene, defenceman Ryan Ellis and forwards Taylor Hall and Brayden Schenn - who helped Canada win gold at the 2008 IIHF World Under-18 Championship in Kazan, Russia in April. (It was Canada's first victory at that event since 2003.)

Ellis, Hall and Schenn also made the cut and the team left Calgary late Wednesday (yesterday) afternoon.

Duchene was pretty excited about the possibility of representing his country for the second time in

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor



four months, but he was taking nothing for granted as he finished packing for the selection camp last Thursday.

"I've been preparing for the camp, but I've been sticking to my normal routine," said Duchene. "I haven't really been changing anything up." Duchene scored two goals in three red and white intersquad tilts held at David Bauer Arena last Sunday, Monday and Tuesday (August 3-5).

He added that he skates every Sunday in sessions monitored by his Brampton Battalion coach Stan Butler. He also had an exciting opportunity to participate in a camp run by his uncle Newell Brown in California two weeks ago. Brown

(who won a Memorial Cup with Cornwall Royals in 78-79) is an assistant coach with the NHL's Anaheim Ducks and runs a summer conditioning camp for a select group of young players in California.

"I just got back from there last Tuesday and now I'm getting ready for Calgary," said Duchene, who added that he will benefit from his experience with the gold medal Under-18 team that competed in Russia last April. "I think I know what to expect

after that three weeks in Russia, and I'll go into the Calgary camp just trying to do some of the same things," said Duchene.

Duchene also added that he is looking forward to working with the stellar coaching staff that includes head coach Bill Peters (who led Spokane Chiefs (WHL) to the Memorial Cup last spring), Steve Spott (Kitchener Rangers - OHL), and André Tourigny (Rouyn-Noranda - QMJHL).

Canada will face the United States in Trnava, Slovakia on August 9th and they will play another exhibition against Czech Republic on August 10th in Breclav, Czech Republic. The

2008 Memorial of Ivan Hlinka tournament kicks off on August 12th with Canada facing Switzerland.

None of the games, unfortunately will be televised but Hockey Canada's website will update game stats in real time. (hockeycanada.ca). ■



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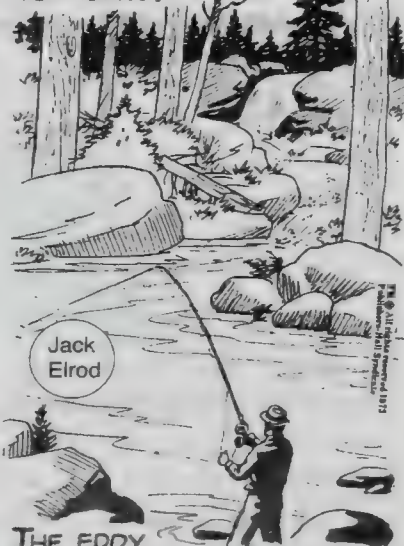
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Annual Midnight Madness – A Summer Tradition

Opinions on the success of this year's Midnight Madness event vary depending on who you ask in the Village of Haliburton.

"It wasn't like it was in 2007," said Glen Sharpley, owner of Sharply Sports. "But we were more successful with selling items that we targeted to sell. We moved a lot of hard goods." Sharpley does say, however, that the "line-ups weren't up to the high school like they were two years ago."

Clay Glecoff, one of the owners of the Stedman's V&S Department Store, says they expected this season to be a slow one in general.

"Our customer counts were down," he says of Midnight Madness. "People weren't rushing through the doors when we opened up." He does say that those who came out for the night were spending considerably more money than usual.

"I guess they were spending more because many of them haven't come up this season so they haven't been spending as much on gas and other things," said Glecoff.

Fire Chief Miles Maughan feels that the event was quite successful, especially for sales of beef-on-a-bun.

"We sold-out by 10 p.m. We sold over 400 lbs of beef, which is around 800 sandwiches," he said. Proceeds from the beef-on-a-bun sale went to benefit local firefighters.

Bob and Wendy's Haliburton Foodland went through over 2000 bags of chips which were on sale for \$1 each.

"We sold a lot of stuff," said Brad Park, Assistant Store Manager.

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Minden Whitewater Preserve Hosts ACA Championships

Paddlers from US, Canada and Japan drawn to Bubbling Gull

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

Paddlers arrived from all over eastern Canada and the US to compete on the gurgling Gull River at the ACA (American Canoe Association) Nationals last weekend.

The Gull River sat boiling, roiling and spoiling for a fight, ready for the slalom and downriver open canoes. The slalom gates hung gauntly over splashed drops. Red upstream gates dovetailed with precision-patter against the green downstream slalom gates, some honed and hovered delicately above three-foot drops. Muscles strained, paddles dropped, and every upstream and downstream turn spurred an adventure.

ACA organizers Carole and Andrew Westwood said that most of the 90 or so competitors "had a blast on the Gull" challenging the rugged, quick and always stylish Gull River course located just outside of Minden at the world-renowned Minden Whitewater Preserve on Horseshoe Lake Road. Andrew said that the event drew well over 500 separate starts over the course of the three day championship.

"The course had a really great flow to it," said Andrew. "It was great because if you stayed on line and in the gates it was fairly easy, but if you got offline just a little, it was unforgiving and you paid the price."

And paying the price in the sport and art of whitewater paddling includes an up close and personal meeting with the bubbling Gull.

"We had a few paddlers going for a swim," chuckles Carole, who adds that it's part of the

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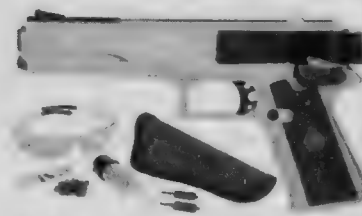
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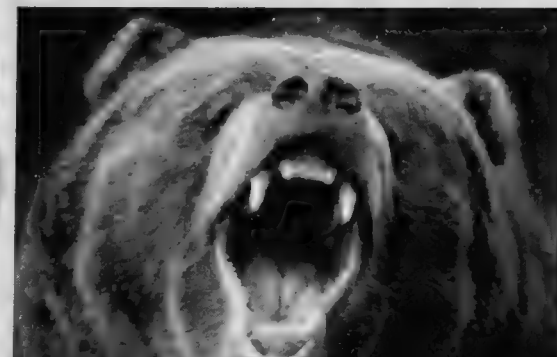
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Japanese Couple travel from Tokyo to Minden's Whitewater Preserve

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sport. It should be noted that both Carole and Andrew gave large kudos to the hard core group of volunteers who manned the gates, kept boaters in Gatorade and kept track of scores. Special thanks went out to those guys and gals who positioned themselves in harms way, throwing rescue ropes to the unlucky few every day that parlayed too-tight lines into a dunk and a drink.

"We couldn't do this without volunteers and we had a great group of volunteers this year," said Andrew. He added that the Gull River course and the Minden venue is a favorite niche for paddlers and the ACA membership.

"This was a great weekend and as always it was a blast on the Gull River," Andrew told a gathering of paddlers, just before medal presentations on Sunday afternoon.

Carole and Andrew took on the organization of the event, but the two Ottawa competitors also took home a couple of medals in their own competitive classes. As always the ACA drew a number of paddlers from different age groups and competition venues. Classes include men's and women's Masters (for paddlers over 40) Open singles, Open pairs and Open Mixed Events among others.

For some of the American paddlers, the annual event also doubles as their US Championship Series.

Thus, there was a very strong contingent of paddlers from Pennsylvania, New York and from as far away as Wisconsin.

The Long Distance Commute Award however, went to Maki and Katsu Ota who rolled into Minden last Wednesday ... all the way from Tokyo, Japan.

This is their fifth appearance at the ACA Championships and second visit to Minden's Whitewater Preserve. They also attended the 2002 ACA Event held on the Gull. They appeared in Colorado in 1999, Montana in 2004 and last year they were in Wasau, Wisconsin.

Both have been involved in the sport of whitewater paddling (including kayak) for 20 years.

"In Japan our vacations are very short, so we are only here for a week, but we really enjoy doing this," says Katsu, 43, who works as a nuclear technician in a Tokyo hospital imaging department. Maki, 38, is a secretary at the hospital.

Katsu is taking home a Silver Medal for his superb second place finish in the Open Canoe (OC1) Masters Series Event.

But both allow that they don't come for the prizes.

"We come for the river and the scenery," smiles Katsu. "This is a very beautiful river and very different from our rivers in Japan."

Maki says that she found the course a bit intimidating when she first looked out on it during practice runs on Thursday. "It was very fast," said Maki. But she added that once she managed to put a few runs down, she was able to feel a little more comfortable with the speed, the drops and the white water.

"At the end, I loved this course," says Maki. Katsu concurred. "At first, it looked very tough and it was also a long course, but I was very happy to be able to challenge the course," says Katsu. The two managed to do a bit of sightseeing while staying at a motel in Minden. "We would have liked to camp, but it's hard to bring the camping equipment on the plane," laughs Katsu.

They said that the Minden locale remains one of their favorite places to paddle. "This is a very nice place, and we really enjoy the river, but mostly we enjoy the people and the friends we make," says Katsu.

Andrew Westwood, a teacher in Ottawa, says it's that mix of camaraderie and challenge that ultimately makes Minden Whitewater such a prime location. He also thanked the Town of Minden, IGA, Home Hardware and Tim Hortons for contributing to the event's success.

One of the volunteer gatekeepers even took time to compose a song for the event, which he sang a-cappella for the group gathered at the awards ceremony. The song, called Clean Double Run, hearkened Stan Rogers, and had all of the paddlers clapping to the strains as the proceedings drew to denouement.

Clean Double Run refers to a slalom run down river in a two-person boat, a run unencumbered by any penalties through the gates. And on the roiling Gull last weekend, clean runs were usually rewarded by a trip to podium. Because of course, clean double runs were few, and they were usually harrowing, depending on deep sluicing paddled-carves and tight lines.

Andrew and Carole agreed that the song summed up what this championship is all about.

"I think everyone here had a great time," said Andrew. He says that local paddlers probably don't realize what a gem they have right here in their midst.

"This is a world class run and, really, a great place for an event." ■



Maki And Katsu Ota love the Gull River

Junior Naturalists Day Camp - Let the Fun Begin!

Where can children learn about nature, make new friends, and become junior nature stewards all at the same time? At the Junior Naturalists Day Camp, that's where! The Camp is a unique learning experience open to children 7-10, operated by the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists.

"The Camp has been running since 2002. It gets kids learning appreciating it, and having fun," said Camp Coordinator Irene Heaven. "We hope to inspire them, and motivate them to become stewards in their own right."

The camp operated for a week in Minden from July 28 to August 1. It will be running again in Haliburton village's Glebe Park from August 11 to 15. It runs Monday to Friday, from 10am to 12pm. "It costs five dollars for the day, or 20 dollars for the week," Heaven said. "We run lots of interesting programmes for the children to enjoy during the week. On Monday's we operate a programme called 'Something's Fishy.' This teaches kids about Ontario, and Highland, fish species. They learn about fish, play fish games, and even create a fish wind sock. It all teaches them about fish colours, adaptation, and behavior."

Tuesdays bring something totally different for the campers. "On Tuesdays we learn all about Ungulates, which are hoofed animals. We teach them about cows and goats, but mostly about wild ungulates in Haliburton, like moose and deer," Heaven said. "On Wednesday we run a programme called 'When it Rains it Pours.' This teaches children about rain patterns and clouds. They also learn about the importance of wetlands, which act like natural sponges absorbing the rain. At the end of the day, children create their own rain sticks, which are a lot of fun."

On Wednesdays, children enjoy the 'Happening Herps' programme. This teaches children about the world of reptiles and amphibians, and how they are misunderstood. To end the week, children participate in a nature hike on Friday. During the hike children will look for patterns in nature and draw them in their own sketchbooks.

Everyday of the programme children will create their own arts and crafts which they can take home with them. "The crafts are a great way for the kids to have fun and enjoy themselves," Heavens said. "We owe a big thanks to Minden Home Hardware and Haliburton V&S for donating the supplies to us. We're also supported and sponsored by the Minden Rotary Club, and the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council."

Heaven acts as the primary instructor during at the camp, but she is also assisted by local student Daniel Wright and a different Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists volunteer each day.

"I think that the camp is a really great thing for children. Some of them are cottagers and some are local. This allows kids to meet new people, and make new friends. Children are so eager to learn. They take in all of the information we give them and absorb it like a sponge. We teach them about nature, and then they pass it on to their friends and parents. It's a wonderful little chain of information."

The camp is capable of accommodating 24 children per day. Pre-registration is required. More children are attending each day, so spaces are quickly filling up. You can register your child by calling Irene at 286-3181. ■

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- Malcolm MacLean, Greg Rowe and the CANOE FM gang for their terrific live coverage;
- Lee MacLean for coordinating the event; and
- The Sun for coming out to play that day ...

And of course, the Management Committee:

Betty Moffatt, Dianne Tigert, Barb Cameron, Lee MacLean, Bill Forbes, Norma Goodger, Karen Sloan and Council reps Carol Moffatt and Diane Griffin.

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Carol Sanio D.V.M

From the Minden Animal Hospital



Wellness blood work: why bother?

Why should we do blood work on a perfectly healthy animal?

We all know if we are sick or our animals are sick that sometimes the cause of the illness is not readily determined just on a physical exam or a quick look. Sometimes we have to do blood work, urinalysis, fecal tests, cultures etc to help us come up with a diagnosis. We also know that sometimes it works to just "guess" and try this treatment or that treatment or many treatments in hopes of success. Sometimes it works, some times it does not. I love to be the third or fourth opinion on a difficult case because usually all the short cuts have been tried and often several treatments have been tried, all to no avail. Then I suggest some diagnostics and owners are usually at the end of their rope and very willing now to do some diagnostics so the cause of the symptoms can be determined and appropriate treatment started. Often, the answer is there in the lab work.

But what about the perfectly normal, healthy animal? Why should we do blood work on them? Well for starters, it gives us baseline values. If ill animals come in and require blood work but have never had any done in the past, we have nothing to compare to so we do not really know if the values are abnormal for that animal. It is not true that all animals blood values fall within the ranges the machines tell us are normal. It would be nice to have a blood test that says healthy or sick, black or white but that is not reality. Some healthy animals fall outside of the "normal" range, up to 20 percent actually. So if we are unaware of the values when healthy, it is difficult to tell if there are changes now that the pet is ill. It must be remembered that no matter what the species, a one-time blood sample is only a snap shot. It is trends that we look for. Should the liver enzymes be elevated (I am not speaking of extreme cases with a moribund animal), there is a need to re check the values some time later to see if they are elevating, reducing or staying the same. If a blood sample was taken when the animal was healthy (wellness blood work), then we have numbers to compare to. Without the baseline values, we depend on our crystal ball which is not always accurate. Don't get me wrong. It does work sometimes, but people win at the casino sometimes too, but certainly not always.

Also, we sometimes find problems from blood work where there were no clinical indications of a problem. This is the prime reason to do pre-anesthetic blood work for elective surgeries on healthy animals. Find a problem early, address it, treat it and it will likely not be as big a problem as it could have been.

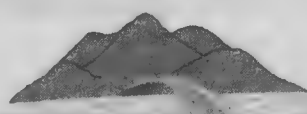
It is often the case that people assume blood work has been done on their dog if blood has been drawn for a heartworm test in the past. There are many specific tests, this being one, that test only one thing.

Every time we do some blood work we do not do all tests known to dogs, just a screen of some of the most important ones. There are many very specific tests as well, like leukemia, thyroid, lymes etc. If there are indications on the original screening blood work, we then can add on other more specific tests. Often we need to send them to Toronto or Missouri or Massachusetts, as specific tests are expensive and not done at each lab. The more common tests we do right at the hospital, often while you wait.

Some animals are on chronic medication, whether for thyroid disease, arthritis, urinary incontinence, seizures etc. All medications taken chronically can cause some issues over time and the need for some medications can change over time. We will recommend blood tests periodically to be sure the medication is not causing more problems than it is helping and to be sure the dose is still appropriate. Did you know that blood tests on a dog on arthritis or thyroid medication every six months is like every two years in people?

Wellness blood testing is often done during heartworm season as we are already pulling blood for the heartworm test. It is easier on your pet.

Want to know what is going on inside your pet? Have a blood test taken when he is healthy, and hope you do not find anything wrong. But if you do, you've likely caught it early and treatment will be much more effective. ■



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Haliburton County Council Date Change Notice

The Council of the County of Haliburton wishes to provide PUBLIC NOTICE that the regular August Session of County Council has been re-scheduled to take place on Wednesday, August 20th, 2008 commencing at 8:30 a.m. in the County Administration Building located at 11 Newcastle Street in Minden.
Tamara Wilbee, County Clerk
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In Memoriam

Dear Tony

I am not able to hug you, or bug you
But I sense you, feel you and love you.
I thank you for what we did, and what we have.

I know I did not calculate the math,
I thought I would be with you forever.
I have you in my heart and in my mind.
The only thing I miss is a two way conversation.

Eye contact and a good kiss in the morning and night.
I want to thank you for the boys to support me and love me,

Because I still have two of you instead of three.

I guess I shouldn't be so greedy.

I love you and I will see you later.

It's my job now to keep things together,
Without you physically but mentally you are still here.
You gave me strength and told me the truth, I will be alright.

See you soon.
Love Trudy



Thank You



Thank you!

The family of the late Bill Juby wish to thank the Ladies Auxiliary Branch #129, Haliburton for the lunch. Doctors, Nurses at the Haliburton Hospital for their excellent care of Bill; a special thank you to Padre Horne for his wonderful service, to Mabel Brannigan for the eulogy. Many thanks to the Home Care Nurses & Nancy Pettit for their loving care of Bill. To those who sent condolence cards, donations to the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund in memory of Bill, thank you! To Dwaine & Lori Lloyd, Ron Bain, and Molly Freeman of the Haliburton Community Funeral Home for your excellent care in leading us through a most difficult time and for your compassionate service. A very special thanks to Ralph & Gerry Palmer for being there for me.

Cathie, Steven, Bettyann & Stephanie Juby

Wedding Dance



Wedding Dance for Jonathan & Amber

Laurie and Tim Smith are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Amber to Jonathan Lynch, son of Pat Lynch and John Lynch. Family and friends are invited to join the celebration on Saturday, August 9, 2008 at 9:00 pm. Across from the Haliburton Arena. Aug 8 08

In Memoriam

TONY ...

We fall on our knees and begin to cry.
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We wanted you to be by our side forever and ever.
And we wanted to leave your side, never.
For you were our father and we'll love you forever more.
We lie on the ground crying more than ever before.
We had so little memories and wanted much more.
We were to caught up in our friends, and never had time to spend.
We want you back and it's not fair.
A father like you is rare.
We love you, we love you, please come back.
Our whole life just fell off track.
Now that you're gone we have nowhere to go.
We need you here, there's so much more we need to know.
We miss you, and wish it never turned out this way.
Now that you're gone there is so much to say.
We are sorry for the fun times we could have spent with you.
This isn't happening it can't be true!
We love you, we love you, please come back home.
Now that you're gone we feel so alone.

We miss you dad
Tony Jr. & Curtis

Thank-You!!

A sincere thank you to my family and the Thursday Swimmn Women for all their help in the last 14 weeks since my surgery. A big thank you goes out to my Canoe FM 100.9 friends, the Paramed and Red Cross girls, Kevin from Physio and my neighbors who were there to give me lots of help. God Bless,

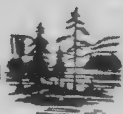
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Visitation & Funeral Mass

Friends may call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Thursday afternoon, July 31, 2008 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Then to ST. ANTHONY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH 27 Victoria Street, Haliburton for a Funeral Mass on Friday morning, August 1, 2008 at 11:30 o'clock. Interment St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Canadian Cancer Society - Pancreatic Research or the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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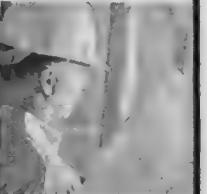
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Dave Willis: 31 Years as President of the World Famous Rockcliffe University

Stephen Patrick
Editor

This summer Dave Willis is celebrating his 31st year as proprietor of Minden's Rockcliffe Hotel, the prototypical Ontario cottage country tavern. "I never thought for a minute I'd be here this long, that's for sure. But then again, I've never regretted the decision to leave that other life in Toronto either," he says. Willis was a highly successful hard-driving advertising account manager in the 1970s when he decided he'd had enough of that particular rat race.

"It was a really crazy life, the competition was fierce, the advertising business was like a war, and the hours endless. I think that's why I became so involved in playing competitive squash – it was a way to get away from the relentless business pressures, and, frankly, the endless BS."

Willis was a world-class player in the 1970s, and continued to play in international tournaments well into the 1980s. Squash, at the high level that Willis played, is a fierce, edgy, and brutally tough game that demands intense concentration and a willingness to take every physical and psychological advantage over your opponent. Suffice to say that losing, at squash, cards, or business, doesn't sit very well with Mr. Willis. "I really wanted to make the Rockcliffe a success, in every way, as a tavern, a place to have fun for cottagers and pub-goers of all kinds. When I bought it from Bill O'Brien in 1977, it had already begun to have a reputation as a place to have a really good time – and I made sure that continued."

As of this year Willis has owned the Rockcliffe longer than any other proprietor in the almost 150 years of taverns and hotels that have existed on the same site on the Bobcaygeon Road in Minden. As history, and some legend, has it Daniel Buck established the first 'stone tavern' in

1859, although there is some confusion over whether or not it was in the exact same location. Certainly, members of the Buck family (of Buck's Slide Road fame) owned the tavern for some 15 years in the late 1880s. From 1908 until the 1939 it was called the Ranson Hotel, after the family who then owned it, and later the Valley View Inn. In the 1940s it became the Rockcliffe Hotel, and even though it hasn't been a hotel for many years, it's been called that ever since.

"I really owe the LCBO a kind of debt," says Willis with a grin. "When Bill O'Brien began to sell the Rockcliffe T-shirts that said 'I'm a Rockcliffe Beer Nut', the Liquor Licence Board decided they wouldn't allow it – and you have to remember that they really controlled the business – you did what they said. After I bought the business I appealed the decision, but they still said no. So I asked them, out of the blue, if they'd approve the sale of clothing with Rockcliffe University on it, and for some reason they said sure! I've never understood why Beer Nuts was disallowed, and University was fine, but I wasn't



"It's become a kind of marketing myth – the T-shirts are all over the world."

complaining.

"Bill had developed a strong connection with the camps, and the camp counsellors, which we certainly continued, and the Rockcliffe University branding just took off." Willis's years as a marketer and advertising

exec stood him in good stead: he handled the branding and the merchandising aspect of the business brilliantly. The products were eye-catching, funny, well made, and became wildly popular. "We grossed over \$200,000 in clothing products alone year after year. The T-shirts were seen around the world, from Morocco to China to everywhere."

"All kinds of celebrities wore them, Stompin' Tom, Donald Sutherland, Mike Meyers, Dan Akroyd, to name a few. And we continued to become the place to be during the summer for the camp kids and of course the cottagers. The line-ups were two blocks long on the weekends, just to get in for the beer. The entertainment was good, loud, and fast. We hired dozens of cottage kids over the summers as well – I was thinking the other day that at one point it seemed most Boshkung and Horseshoe Lake cottagers had worked with us at one time or another."

Willis also worked hard to maintain the business during the winter months. Bill O'Brien had started importing strippers during hunting season in the 1970s, which Willis continued. This did not make him popular in certain quarters. One prominent local church leader wrote to the Minden Times accusing him of encouraging the sexual assault of women and girls. Willis, who doted on his two teenage daughters, replied immediately, denying the connection, and pointing out the long history of child sexual abuse by those in positions of power in the church, which was just coming to public attention. The debate, to the relief of both parties, ended swiftly.

Over the years Willis has seen huge changes in his business. In the early 1980s he spent a fortune on sound systems, banquettes, and closed up the hotel rooms upstairs. Recently he's overseen the expansion of the food menu to give a more 'roadhouse' feel to the operation. "The business has changed in large part because of the change in social attitudes towards drinking," says Willis. "We have a lot of competition we didn't have back then either. Casino Rama's a competitor,

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The Rock in 1978



Rockcliffe owner Dave Willis

for example, and has all those proceeds from gambling. Our product margins are shrinking, smoking is banned, and we don't have a reliable taxi service, which are all factors. I had to shut the rooms upstairs – new regulations would have required \$360,000 in renovations to keep them open.”

The Rockcliffe, and Willis himself, has also been the target of constant rumours over the years, which he now scoffs at, but which at one time were dangerous. “We’ve always run an honest business, and we’ve always been careful that no one was hurt. In this business you have no choice but to kick people out, or even bar them if necessary. I’ve been here so long that I’m throwing out the kids of the parents I threw out 30 years ago.” But the wild accusations of biker gang involvement, dope deals, and other shady undertakings, seemed to persist in the Rockcliffe hey

day. “The rumours were annoying, for sure, but I think a lot of it was just jealousy. This is a place for people to have fun, a local pub, a tavern, plain and simple.”

So the Rockcliffe endures, as does its still-feisty owner. The merchandise is always sharply designed, and contemporary, and continues to sell. The entertainment still draws the weekend crowds, and it seems no matter what the old hotel will always be “the Rock” to generations of Haliburtonians of all kinds, cottagers, residents, kids, and their parents. Rumours about an impending sale have been swirling around the place for years now, and have increased to a fever pitch this past month. No announcement has been forthcoming. But when it does come, it will mark the end of the longest, and certainly the most flamboyant, chapter in the Hotel’s history. ■

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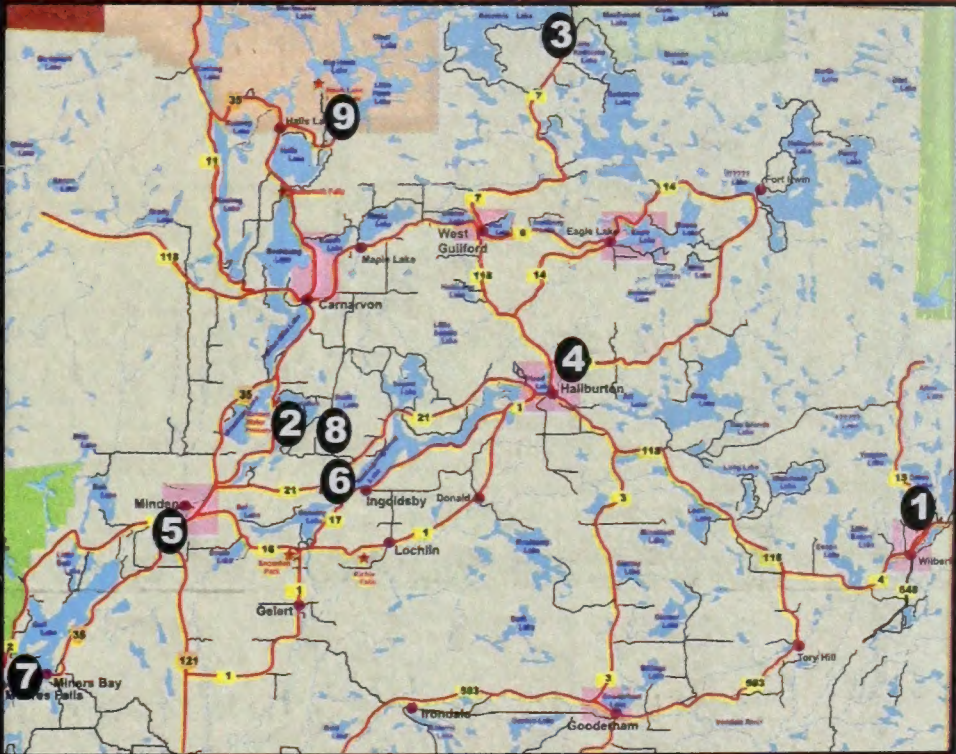
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The Local ExpertsTM

5 Lake Chain \$425,000



Nicely updated 3 BR cottage on Kashagawigamog. Sand & rock shoreline, SW exp. Open concept with stone fireplace & new kitchen.

Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128

47 Acres - \$49,900



Excellent Value in Haliburton County! 47 acres of beautiful rolling hills, mixed bush and trees easily accessible off Highway 118. Very close to Tory Hill.

Paul Szpik - 457-2128

Best Value on the lake! \$299,000



Great cottage on Little Glamor lake has 3 BR, open concept living area, full w/o bsmt, separate workshop building, flat lot with awesome sand frontage! Great value!

Derrell and Kim Stamp 457-2128

Fantastic Opportunity \$115,000



Charming 3BR home in terrific shape & fully loaded with appliances, furniture and special extras! Very private picturesque 5 acre lot.

Greg Stamp 457-2128

Haliburton Lake - \$363,800



4 season cottage with easy yr rnd access, level lot, 4 BR, large screened room, bright kitchen, 120 ft frontage with sandy beach

Wilf VanLieshout - 457-2128

BUILDING CONTRACTOR / INDUSTRIAL MALL \$396,500



Excellent Highway 35 Location, 8800 square feet of shop, storage and office space. Set up your business and lease space to compatible contracting specialists.

Tom Ecclestone 286-2138

Hunter Creek \$86,900



Well cared for home has many upgrades/renos in adult only community just 2 min from Minden. Small maintenance fee covers snow removal, and much more.

Dagmar Boettcher- 286-2138

Halls Lake View \$349,000



Enjoy the sand beach & big lake experience for an affordable price with this newly renovated 4 BR home/cottage featuring sun room, dbl garage, year round access & more!

Andrew Hodgson 286-2138

Rural Home \$129,900



Three bedroom rural home, new carpet/flooring, new laundry/entry, new decks. W/o bsmt insulated and ready to finish. Super private lot centrally located.

Anne Moulton - 286-2128

Home with Lg Garage \$169,900



Home has 1.5 attached garage along with a separate garage with two 12' doors. Located in an area of nice homes, 5 mins to Minden and walk to the public beach.

Kristin Withey 286-2138

Executive Cottage \$699,000



4 BR, 2 bath cottage/home, level lot, big lake view. Boat, 2 lakes, minutes from town. Open concept, MBR ensuite, huge Fam rm. 3 season porches, dbl garage, & more.

John Hincks 286-2138

Haliburton in Town Home \$241,900



3 + 1 BR home (2500 sq. ft) with large walk-out wkshp, garage & 1.49 acres. Features wood finishes, 4 baths, master w/ensuite, ample storage & walk to town!

Janice Brookes 457-2128

Kennisis Lake \$499,500



Stunning big lake views from this newer, immaculate 4 season cottage/home. Large, bright great room, decks, covered porch and a heated cabin. Child friendly beach.

Mark Dennys 457-2128

Acreage \$99,900



30.2 acres complete with 3 BR mobile home, trails, maple, aspen, hickory, evergreens and year round access

Paul Szpik - 457-2128

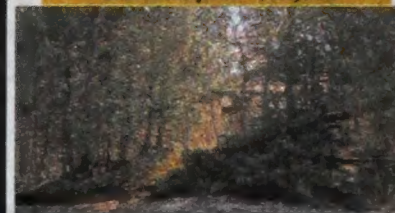
Little Kennisis \$449,000



Southern exposure, beautiful view and gently sloping property. Cozy 3 bedroom, 4- season cottage with large living room and floor-to-ceiling Stone Fireplace.

Shirley Rule and Kerrie Farr 754-2100

Blairhampton \$25,900



Blairhampton Rd. two building lots 1.10 acre and 1.18 acre centrally located between Minden and Haliburton. Price is per lot

Hank Bertrand 457-2128

Gull Lake Boating \$289,900



Fantastic opportunity to get into this fabulous 3 + 1 bedroom home/cottage nestled on the shores of the Gull River. Miles and miles of boating on Gull lake.

Drew Bishop - 457-2128

Maple Lake \$279,000



"Retirement in the wind? This 3 BR cottage has a beautiful backyard for a garden. Beach is across the road. Fully furnished

Lee Gauthier 489-9968

Beautiful 5 Lake Chain \$674,900



Stunning western lake view of Kashagawigamog. Sandy beach with gradual entry. Large 3 BR home/ cottage with lakeside cabin. Minutes to Haliburton..

Mark Dennys 457-2128

21 Acres \$269,900



Large 3 BR family home, huge LR, eat-in kitchen, separate DR, 2 stone FP and w/o basement. Features 4 stall horse barn, paddock, workshop & pond.

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138

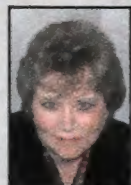
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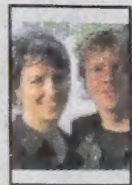
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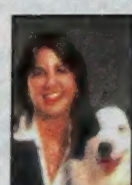
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